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individual member, I doubt not we shall apply ourselves to the business which may require our attention, with patient and untiring industry, hoping for and deserving the approbation of an intelligent community.

In our deliberations affecting the varied interests of this great and prosperous State, let us implore the guidance of Him who rules over all, and without whose blessings all human efforts are unavailing.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1857.

Beyond notices and petitions, there is as yet nothing to make a mark in the Legislature.

In the Senate, the President announced the Committees. They are, with one or two alterations, made necessary by the death of Senator WHITE, the same as those of last year.

PETITIONS.

Mr. SEWARD presented a petition from PETER COOPER, for the establishment of a Scientific Institution in New-York.

Also, one relative to laying out the Central Park, and another to authorize the City to borrow $1,000,000 to build another Reservoir.

NOTICES.

Mr. PETTIT, to reorganize the Police Department of the City of New-York.

Mr. C. P. SMITH, to amend the Brooklyn water act; to sell the burial ground at the Wallabout, in Brooklyn, and to provide places of burial in other places; for the relief of MARY ANN CUYLER and MARGARET A. CRAIGS.

Mr. KELLY, to amend the Revised Statutes relative to the assessment of taxes on incorporated companies and the commutation or collection thereof.

Mr. REMSEN, to prevent traffic in intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

Mr. HAUBEN, to incorporate the Metropolitan Medical College in New-York.

Mr. SICKLES, to amend the law of Libel; to amend the Charter of the City of New-York; for the regulation and government of the New-York Central Park; relative to the compensation of the Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct Board; to amend New-York City Charter.

Mr. CUYLER, to amend the act authorizing the formation of companies for manufacturing, mining, &c.

Mr. C. P. SMITH, by bill, to amend the act extending the time of making the report of the New-York Harbor Commission until the second Tuesday of April.

Mr. BROOKS, to amend the act relative to the keeping of gunpowder, saltpetre, &c., in the City of New-York; to secure the purity of the ballot-box; in relation to insurance on property in the State; to appoint Commissioners of Deeds in foreign countries; giving the consent of the State for the United States to purchase certain property in this State; in relation to the Marine Court in the City of New-York; to provide a more certain canvass and estimate of votes in the City of New-York.

Mr. C. P. SMITH, to amend the Revised Statutes relative to the interest on money; for preliminary measure to consolidate the City of New-York and Brooklyn and towns in Kings County under the name of the City of New-York.

Mr. SPENCER, to amend the charter of the Orphan Home in the City of New-York; to enable PETER COOPER to found a scientific institution in the City of New-York.

Mr. RICHARDSON, making appropriations for the support of Government for the fiscal year commencing Oct. 1, 1856; to provide for deficiencies in certain expenses of Government during the year 1856; for the relief of ANN W. ROBERTS.

Mr. KELLY moved a resolution of inquiry into the condition of Savings Banks—reports to be sent in by the 10th of February.

THE CONTESTED SEAT.

The report of the Committee of the last Senate, in favor of admitting Senator BAKER to the seat now occupied by Mr. SICKLES, was called up.

Mr. BROOKS moved that its consideration be postponed until Monday next, when it should be the special order. Mr. UPHAM moved to amend, by making it the order for to-morrow, and Mr. SICKLES moved to make it on Friday.

On his motion to amend, Mr. SICKLES took the floor, and proceeded to kill time after the fashion of SICKLES, until he was silenced by the President ruling that it was not in order to discuss the merits of a question on a motion to postpone its consideration.

I think it will be reached and determined this week, and that the end will be the ousting of SICKLES, and the installment of Senator BAKER. It should have been done long ago.

IN THE HOUSE.

There were a few motions, and a few petitions, and a great amount of lobbying. The aspirants for appointments under the Speaker and Clerk not yet having abandoned the chances.

Mr. REILLY gave notice of bill for relief of members of First Regiment New-York Volunteers; to amend gunpowder law of New-York.

Mr. VARNUM, to provide for a Registry Law.

Mr. LEWIS, to amend the act to locate school-house sites.

Mr. SCOTT, for formation of town Mutual Insurance Companies; amending the Code of Procedure; to incorporate Homeopathic Medical Societies.

Mr. FERR, to regulate firemen of Brooklyn.

Mr. HANFORD, to incorporate Williamsburg Fire Department; relative to Williamsburg local improvements.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. J. J. OWEN, a series of resolutions, criticizing and denouncing the charges brought by the President in his late Message against the Republican Party.

Mr. VARNUM, referring the Appropriation bills laid over last session to a Select Committee of five.

Mr. FOOT moved the bills to a third reading to-morrow. The bills were ready to be read when the House adjourned at its last session.

Mr. VARNUM would accept the proposition.

After brief discussion, the resolution was laid over.

MEETING OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Republican State Committee were in session here last evening. I understand that Gov. SEWARD DRAPER sent in his resignation as a member of the Committee, but that no person was chosen to fill the vacancy. It is further reported that a resolution was adopted appointing Mr. VAN DYKE of Albany permanent Secretary of the Committee, with a salary of $2,500 per annum. It was further resolved that the office of the Secretary should be located in the City of New-York, and that efficient and continued efforts should be made to disseminate such information as would give permanency and effect to the Republican organization.

THE LIQUOR-SELLING AT THE DELAVAN.

It has been current here for some days that Mr. DELAVAN had resolved the puzzling position in which he had been placed by the determination to open a "rum mill" within the walls of the Delavan House, by making a clean sale of the premises to Mr. ROSSELE. But he informs me that such is not the case; that he still continues to hold the fee of the liquor shop, and that it is his determination to abate the grog-selling at the earliest practicable period. For this purpose he has applied for an injunction which shall restrain Mr. ROSSELE from further desecrating the cold-water citadel with the presence of the "ardent." The documents have been duly served, and the *pros* and *cons* are to be recited before Judge HARRIS in a few days, unless the supply of gin cocktails and brandy slings is rapidly abated. A nice fight for the lawyers, and probably one which will fully justify the prevalent theory that the law has its delays. In the meantime, I presume the guests of the Delavan will "smile" as usual.

THE COMMISSARY-GENERAL.

It was some time since announced that Gov. KING had appointed Hon. MINTHORNE TOMPKINS, of Richmond County, Commissary-General, in place of the present incumbent, J. H. HOBART WARD. The announcement was probably premature, as the appointment is not generally made until a later period in the session. But I learn that Mr. TOMPKINS has written to Gov. KING a letter, in which he withdraws his name and urges the retention of Gen. WARD. It is more than probable that this generous indorsement, added to the many others from all parts of the State, will receive the favorable consideration of the Governor, and that Gen. WARD will continue in the discharge of the duties of Commissary during the continuance of the present Administration.

ONE OF YOUR NEW-YORK MEMBERS IN A FIX.

There is current here a little story which so fittingly illustrates the genius and scope of one of your New-York Legislators that I cannot refrain from giving it currency. Previous to the caucus of the Democratic members of the Assembly, he had given a pledge that he would vote for a certain gentleman for Speaker. The light he obtained in caucus, however, prompted him to prefer another man. How to indulge this latter preference, and yet escape the anathemas of his associates to whom he stood pledged, was more than he could well cipher out. In his dilemma, there seemed but one way out. If they voted by ballot the thing was easy enough; but if it was a stand-up, open-mouthed expression of preference, he was "gone up." He would learn what were the precedents: and going over to the person most likely to know, he thus interrogated him: "See here, S——, tell a fellow—do they vote *viva voce*, or by ballot?" S—— answered, "He thought they did;" which seemed perfectly satisfactory. He was glad of that, for "if it was *viva voce* he'd have to go for GLOVER; but if it was ballot, he was in hunk for JONES."

AN AGE IN LAW.

In 1842, the North American Trust Company was either sued by somebody or else it sued somebody—the lawyers now in the case are not exactly certain which. It went into the Courts, and through the Courts, until it finally lodged in the custody of the Court of Chancery. When the new Constitution strangled the Chancery, the remains of the North American Trust Company *vs.* Somebody Else, or Somebody Else *vs.* The North American Trust Company succeeded to the possession of the Court of Appeals. It has laid there ever since, occasionally being brought out for the purpose of tacking a demurrer, or a rejoinder, or sur-rejoinder, or some other quibble, or quirk, or legal fiction. In this way the "case" has been swelled until it takes over 4,000 printed pages upon which to present it to the big wigs of the officials. Finally, after a multitude of motions, an ocean of words and an age of deliberation, it was arranged that the first Tuesday in January, and each day thereafter—so long as the loquacity of the counsel and the patience of the Court might endure—should be devoted to its elucidation. The papers were carted up to the Court, and the first *pro* had progressed so far in his argument, as to intimate to the bench that in the progress of the case he should probably have something to say touching the various issues involved, providing he could do so without entangling himself with the merits of the controversy. Having attained this preliminary position, one of the *cons* with a polite bow solicited the indulgence of his learned brother while he made a suggestion. He held up at the same time something less than a thousand pages of folio post, while he announced as a brief digest of a partial analysis of the material points, and from which he felt confident he could prove to the satisfaction of their Honors that *their Honors had no jurisdiction in the case.* The *pros* promptly grappled with this new notion of the *cons*, and, for the past two days, they have been engaged in a most terse and compact discussion of this preliminary question. I have an intimation that it is more than probable the objection raised will be sustained, and that the case must be commenced *de novo*. If it were not that Judge BRONSON, Judge BRADLEY, WILLIAM CURTIS NOYES, CHARLES O'CONOR, NICHOLAS HILL, and others of our most eminent lawyers, were engaged in this cause, one could hardly withstand the belief that there has been something of error in the case, and that the question of jurisdiction might have been determined inside of fourteen years. LEO.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

By Telegraph to the New-York Daily Times.

Magnetic Telegraph Co.'s Office—4 Hanover-st., and 191 Broadway. House Printing Telegraph—Office No. 22 Wall-street.

INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON.

The Kansas Delegate Question—The Minnesota Land-Grab Scheme.

OUR GOVERNMENT AND THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH —MINISTER DUBOIS AND THE HERBERT CASE— RIVER AND HARBOR BILLS, &C.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Ex-Governor REEDER is about to present to Congress a memorial contesting WHITFIELD's right to a seat in the House, on the ground that the election under which the latter claims was a mere voluntary act, having no legal force, because no law existed authorizing the Governor to call a special election.

REEDER contends that as the House manifests a disposition to reconsider its decision of last Winter against the admission of a Delegate, as the simple choice of the Territory unofficially expressed, his claim on that ground is stronger than WHITFIELD's.

The Committee on Public Lands propose to modify the Minnesota Land bill, with the view of obviating some of the now palpable objections thereto. It is exceedingly doubtful whether the move will not be too late. The TIMES' articles in exposure of this scheme have created an intense excitement to-day among the Lobby. If followed up, they will work a greatly-needed reform.

It is stated that Mr. BUCHANAN is likely to arrive here by the 20th inst. His *suite* of rooms at the National is prepared for him with reference to his arrival at that date. S.

Our Government and the Atlantic Submarine Telegraph—The Refusal of Minister Dubois to Testify in the Herbert Case—River and Harbor Bill Before Congress, &c.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The President has transmitted to the Senate, in reply to the resolution of that body, a letter from the New-York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, in which the President is informed that contracts have been made for the manufacture of submarine cables to connect the continents of Europe and America, and that it is expected to have the line between New-York and London open for business by the 4th of July next. As the work has been prosecuted thus far with American capital, and by the efforts of this Administration to ascertain the feasibility of the enterprise, it is the earnest desire of the Directors to secure to the Government of the United States equal privileges with those stipulated for by the British Government. In this desire the Lords Commissioners of the British Treasury have acceded in the most liberal spirit by providing that—

"The British Government shall have a priority in the conveyance of their messages over all others, subject to the exception only of the Government of the United States, in the event of their entering into an arrangement with the Company similar in principle to that of the British Government; in which case the messages of the two Governments shall have priority in the order in which they arrive at the Stations."

The American Directors say they cannot doubt that the reservation made in favor of the United States will be deemed of great moment, and, therefore, ask the President to take such action in the premises as he may deem the interests of this Government may require.

The Company will enter into a contract with the Government of the United States on the same terms and conditions as with the British Government, and such contract they suppose will fall within the provisions of the Constitution, in regard to postal arrangements, of which this is only a new and improved form. Her Majesty's Government engage to furnish aid by ships to lay the cable, and it is suggested our recently finished war steamers are the very best to assist in this business.

To avoid failure in laying the cable, the Company request that the President will make such recommendation to Congress as will secure this end.

The President makes no recommendation, but merely submits the above, and the proposition of the Lords Commissioners.

No reply from Mr. MARCY accompanies the documents, which were referred to the Post-Office Committee of the Senate.

It appears from documents sent to the Senate to-day by the President, thus the refusal of Mr. DUBOIS, Minister of the Netherlands, to testify in the Herbert case, was grounded on international law, on the Constitution of the United States, and on a special law of our own enactment, and after he had had a consultation with the diplomatic corps. He states he was the only impartial spectator of the proceedings at Willard's Hotel, which resulted in the death of KEAYING. He would have had no objections to being a witness if his position as representative of his Government did not prevent him from appearing in a court of law, where he would be subject to a cross-examination. Although it was against his wish to decline Mr. MARCY's invitation to testify, but that he was ready to go to the State Department, and there give the details of what he saw, in the presence of such persons as Mr. MARCY might think necessary. Mr. BUCHANAN, our Minister to the Hague, by direction of Mr. MARCY, brought the conduct of Mr. DUBOIS to the notice of the King, who, while approving the proposition of the Minister, expressed the warmest feelings of friendship for this Government. Such testimony as Mr. DUBOIS proposed to give would not have been competent in a court of justice, and it was therefore declined by Mr. MARCY.

About forty members of Congress held a caucus to-day to consider what was best to be done relative to the fifty or sixty River and Harbor bills now pending in both Houses. It was concluded to unite them all in one bill, and use efforts thus to pass them even over the Executive veto.

The Committee of the House on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, are to have a meeting to-night to consider the proposition to let all mail-steamer contracts to the lowest bidder, under the direction of the Postmaster-General.

In the case of SEYMOUR and MORGAN against CYRUS H. M'CORMICK, the Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of the Court below, sustaining all its opinions on the patents of M'CORMICK, excepting as to the construction of a claim not embraced in the suit, and on this a majority declared there was no error. The only effect of this last is to deprive M'CORMICK of costs.

XXXIVth Congress—Second Session.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

INCREASED PAY TO ARMY OFFICERS.

Mr. WELLER reported a bill to increase the pay of officers in the army and gave notice that he should call it up at an early day.

THE CASE OF MR. HAMLIN.

The consideration of the Iowa election case was resumed.

Mr. BAYARD argued against the right of Mr. HAMLIN to a seat. When, he said, two integral bodies are to perform any act, both must be present at the time, or it cannot be constitutionally done. In the present case it was admitted that the Senate of Iowa, as a body did not participate in the election, nor did a quorum of that body vote on the occasion; therefore Mr. HAMLIN was voted for only by one branch of the Legislature.

Mr. FOSTER, replying, said that after the Convention was duly organized by the concurrence of the two branches of the Legislature, it remained in session and could be dissolved only by the vote of a majority of the Convention, or by the withdrawal of such a number of members, as would leave less than a quorum present. The members ceased to act in the capacity of Senators and Representatives, but were to be counted numerically. Mr. HAMLIN having received a majority of the votes of all the members of the Convention, he was thereby legally elected. If the sixteen Senators who absented themselves had all been present and voted against Mr. HAMLIN, he would still have been elected, and how then could his absence prevent his election.

Mr. BAYARD obtained the floor.

RESIGNATION OF SENATOR HAMLIN.

The President *pro tem.* submitted a letter from Mr. HAMLIN, resigning his seat as a Senator from Maine.

Adjourned till Friday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

THE DEBATE ON THE MESSAGE.

A motion to print extra copies of the President's Message being under consideration,

Mr. BARCLAY said the only effect of that document would be to increase, if that were possible, the contempt which now exists, throughout the country, against its author. He would not indorse, or appear to sanction, its misrepresentations, by sending it to the public printer.

He would rather send it to some obscure and dusty corner of the basement of the Capitol. He entered his protest against the language therein contained. The President was elected with unprecedented unanimity, and on the most solemn pledges not to reopen the Slavery question. He was scarcely warm in his seat before the confidence reposed in him by the people was violated, and he launched out into boisterous ocean agitation. The first leading measure of the Administration was for the repeal of the time-honored Compromise. Yet, gentlemen, disguise it as they may, that alone has been the cause of the great troubling of the waters. That unnecessary, reckless and iniquitous measure struck the Democratic Party in the Free States with terror. The people, basely betrayed, dared to remonstrate with the independence of freemen and dared to denounce such usurpation of power. Its chief authors, aiders and abettors were execrated wherever human rights were cherished or political honesty respected. The execration extended to the White House, and compelled its inmate to tremble like a convicted criminal. He was rejected by the Cincinnati Convention, and, like an old horse which had served its master, it was turned out to grass. While the Convention thus repudiated him, by their acts they indorsed the measures of his Administration—a singular effect of the cohesive power of public plunder. Now his hopes are blasted, and the Chief Magistrate, forgetful of his high position, takes occasion, under the shield of his duty under the Constitution, to attack and arraign as traitors citizens who are quite as intelligent, if not as honest and patriotic as himself.

With regard to the President's language respecting the alleged revolutionary purpose of the Republicans, Mr. BARCLAY denounced it as a gross calumny, and no proof whatever could be adduced to support the President's declaration. It only showed the depth of degradation to which the President has descended. Mr. BARCLAY reviewed the Message in order to show the untenable positions of the President in regard to the Slavery question.

Mr. SANDIDGE commenced his speech by reading the American Party a lesson, in return for the one delivered yesterday by Mr. DAVIS, of Maryland, to the Democracy. He would point them to the affiliation of the Know Nothings and Republicans in the North, to break down the Democrats. The half dozen Know Nothings who acted in this House with the South Americans, have all been slaughtered at home. He would point them to the ruined and bloody walks in Louisville, Baltimore, New-Orleans, and other places; and to the general destruction of confidence between man and his brother. In the two short years of its existence, it had done more for the advancement of the Holy Catholic religion than the Church, through its Ministers, could have done in twenty years. He concluded by vindicating the rights of the South.

Ten thousand copies of the report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey were ordered to be printed. Adjourned till Friday.

United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

No. 21.—*Robert J. Vanderwater*, appellant, vs. *Edward Mills*, claimant of the steamship *Yankee Blade*. Justice GRIER delivered the opinion of the Court, affirming the decree of the Circuit Court of California, with costs.

No. 14.—*Elg Rogers & Co. et al.*, owners of the Cargo, and *Pooley, Nicol & Co.*, owners of the schooner *Ellis*, appellants, vs. *The steamer St. Charles, James L. Day et al.*, claimants. Justice NELSON delivered the opinion of the Court, reversing the decree of the Circuit Court of Eastern Louisiana, with costs, and remanding the cause for further proceedings in conformity with the opinion of this Court.

No. 15.—*W. H. Seymour et al.*, plaintiffs, vs. *Cyrus H. McCormick*. Justice NELSON delivered the opinion of the Court, affirming the judgment of the Circuit Court of Northern New-York with costs, and remanding the cause with directions to strike from the record the taxation of costs.

No. 18.—*C. C. Lathrop*, plaintiff, vs. *Charles Judson*. Justice MCLEAN delivered the opinion of the Court, affirming the judgment of the Circuit Court of Eastern Louisiana, with costs and damages at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum.

No. 40.—*Frederick Schuchard et al.*, appellants, vs. *Winthrop Bubbidge et al.*, claimants of half the proceeds of the ship *Angelique*. Argument commenced by Mr. CUTTING for the appellants, and continued by Mr. BENEDICT for the appellees.

Adjourned till to-morrow.

Illinois Legislature.

THE MESSAGE OF GOVERNOR MATTESON.

SPRINGFIELD, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The State Senate of Illinois organized to-day BEN. BOND, Democrat, was elected Secretary. An attempt was made to take the appointment of Committees from the presiding officer, Lieutenant-Governor WOOD, Republican, pending which the Senate adjourned. The Governor's Message was sent in this afternoon.

The message of Governor MATTESON states that the total State indebtedness on the 1st January, 1857, was $12,884,000. The amount liquidated during the past four years was $4,500,000. Balance in the Treasury on the 1st January, $215,000. He says there is no doubt the State is fully able to pay interest regularly in future, and to extinguish the whole debt within seven years; thinks the revenue from the Central Railroad will soon pay the entire expenses of the Government, leaving a surplus from the Illinois and Michigan Canal for charitable and beneficial purposes in the discretion of the Legislature. He says that no proposition or attempt has been made, within his knowledge, to release the Company from the payment of seven per cent. of its earnings, according to its charter. The difficulties arising from the failure of WADSWORTH & SEMPLE, Agents of the State, may yet be arranged without loss to the State. Recommends a revision of the Revenue Laws, as applied to banks and railroads; recommends the establishment of a department of Agriculture, in connection with the State Department. The proposition for a Convention to amend the Constitution having failed, he recommends a careful inquiry into the means for avoiding the serious evils of the present system.

From Indianapolis.

CONVENTION OF REPUBLICAN EDITORS—INDIANA LEGISLATURE, &c.

INDIANAPOLIS, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

A Convention of the Republican Editors of Indiana was held here yesterday. Resolutions were passed, asserting the power and duty of Congress to prohibit Slavery in the territories; regarding the principles and measures of the Philadelphia Convention essential to the prosperity of the country, and urging that as the State Senate of 1855 refused to go into joint convention for the election of a United States Senator and other officers, and refused to pass a law prescribing the mode of election of United States Senators, it is but just and proper that the opposition members of the approaching Legislature refuse with firmness and determination to go into a joint convention for the election of any officers, or consent to an election of a United States Senator other than by a separate vote of the two Houses.

The hotels are crowded to-day with members of the Legislature which meets to-morrow.

The delegates to the Republican State Convention meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Massachusetts Legislature.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The Massachusetts Legislature met at noon to-day. CHAS. W. PIERCE, of Boston, was elected Speaker of the House, receiving 314 votes, against 8 scattering.

After the choice of the Speaker the House elected WILLIAM BROWN, of Springfield, Clerk, by 301 votes to 14 scattering.

The Senate organized by electing CHARLES W. UPHAM, of Salem, President, and PETER I. COZ, of Lynn, Clerk. The vote for these gentlemen was nearly unanimous.

After the organization the Governor and both branches of the Legislature proceeded, with a military escort, to the old South Church, where an election sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. PIKE, of Rowley.

The Governor's message will probably be delivered to-morrow.

Maine Legislature.

AUGUSTA, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The Maine Legislature assembled to-day. The Senate elected J. H. WILKINS, of Augusta, President, and JOSEPH B. HALL, of Presque Isle, Secretary.

The House organized by choosing CHARLES N. SNOWMAN, of Deer Isle, Speaker, by one hundred and eighteen votes, against twenty-three for JOHN C. TALBOT. GEORGE W. WILCOX, of Dismont, was elected Clerk.

A communication was read from Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, resigning his office of United States Senator; and a Committee appointed on the Gubernatorial vote, who will report to-morrow, when Gov. HAMLIN will be inaugurated.

Michigan Legislature.

LANSING, Mich., Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The Michigan Legislature met to-day at 10 A. M.

In the Senate the following officers were chosen: Secretary, ISAAC W. MILLER, of Calhoun; Enrolling Clerk, M. L. GAGE, of Saginaw; Sergeant-at-Arms, P. K. PIERCE, of Washtenaw.

In the House, BYRON G. STORY, of Oakland, was elected Speaker; CHARLES V. DESANT, of Jackson, Clerk; WM. A. HALL, of Livingston, Enrolling Clerk, and JAMES WINTERS, of Calhoun, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Governor will deliver his message this afternoon, in person, to both Houses in joint Convention.

Fires.

THE BURNING OF THE VERMONT STATE CAPITOL.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The Vermont State Capitol was a simple but imposing structure; commenced in the year 1833 and finished in 1837, at a cost of one hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars. Nothing remains of the building, this morning, but the granite walls. Among the most serious losses in the State Naturalist's apartments, the destruction of which is total and the loss irreparable.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE NEAR QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

TIBBY's foundry at Point Levi was totally destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The loss is about $20,000, and the insurance $14,000.

An ice-bridge was formed opposite this city by the frost of last night.

News by the Southern Mail.

BALTIMORE, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

New-Orleans papers of Wednesday of last week are to hand.

The ship *Monarch* had arrived at New-Orleans with dates from Punta Arenas and Costa Rica to the 3d of December. The papers were jubilant over the news that Gen. WALKER had been beaten and compelled to evacuate Granada, and take refuge in the Island of Ometepe.

The latest advices from Texas report that an attempt on the part of the negroes in Houston County to revolt, had been frustrated.

Serious Railroad Collision.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Wednesday, Jan. 7.

A serious collision took place on the Connecticut Railroad this morning, between Springfield and Chicopee, by a freight and passenger train coming together. One man named FOGERTY is reported killed, and three or four others dangerously wounded.

Non-Arrival of the North American.

PORTLAND, Wednesday, Jan. 7—10 P. M.

The steamship *North American*, now fully due at this port from Liverpool, has not been signaled up to the present hour.

Markets by Telegraph.

CHARLESTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

COTTON—Sales to-day, 2,000 bales, at an advance of ⅛c. We quote good Middling at 12⅝c.

Dudley Observatory.

The following letter, acknowledging the receipt of a donation to the friends of the Dudley Observatory, has been handed to us for publication:

ALBANY, Monday, Dec. 29, 1856.

DEAR SIR: I have just returned from your city, and find on my table your much esteemed letter of the 20th inst. Those voluntary offerings to American science are encouraging incentives to those who are giving their disinterested labors to that cause. Your name will be placed on the tablet of the Observatory, and handed down in its history; and, with quite a number of other liberal contributions from your city, will in due time be publicly acknowledged in the newspapers. With great regard, dear sir, yours,

THOMAS W. OLCOTT.

H. G. MARQUAND, Esq., New-York.

Condition of the Hudson River.

Navigation to Albany was suspended on the 14th of last December—that being the day the steamers *Isaac Newton* and *Hendrick Hudson* reached this City on their trip down. Last year the boats continued to ply for a week later. The various Albany steamers are now refitting for the coming season, though we cannot learn that any new ones are building, or old ones undergoing special alterations. Nevertheless this steam fleet will still hold its own as unsurpassed in point of speed, comfort and elegance.

The Hudson is now frozen over as far down as Peekskill, and the severe cold weather we are passing through forbids us to hope that navigation will be resumed before, at least, the average time in the Spring. The following are the dates of the opening of navigation for several years:

1853	March 13.	1854	March 16.
1855	Feb. 28.	1856	March 26.
1857	March 23.	1858	April 11.
1859	March 21.		

THE STATE FINANCES.

REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER.

State of New-York,
Comptroller's Office, Albany, Jan. 7, 1857.

To the Legislature:

In the report of the Comptroller to the Legislature of 1855, he expressed the opinion that the revenue of the State, on the basis of which the report was then framed, was inadequate to the requirements of the State Treasury, and that the General Fund, the United States Deposit Fund, the Common School Fund, the Literature Fund, certain trust funds, and the canal revenue, were all tributary to the General Fund, and that the revenue of the State, at the close of which the report was then framing, was the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1855, and that the revenue of the General Fund, taken in connection with the revenue of the other funds, was insufficient to meet the current expenses of the State, and the deficiency of which was then reported, and that the deficiency, in

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Kansas Affairs—Duty of Congress in Regard to the Territory.

We trust that Congress will, at its present session, do something to relieve the people of Kansas from the embarrassments of their position. There are, it is true, no party objects to be accomplished by it—but the welfare of the Territory demands prompt and decisive action. Fortunately the way to such action, on the part of Congress, has been prepared by recent action of the Executive Department. Gov. Geary is doing much for the restoration of peace and the establishment of order and confidence among the people. We believe it is now universally conceded that his official conduct is marked by justice and impartiality, and that he will do all in his power to protect the settlers from violence and outrage from any quarter. The changes made in the other departments of the Government will prove highly advantageous. Judge Lecompte, Marshal Donaldson, Sheriff Jones and other officials who have been identified with recent disorders, have given place to new men, who are entirely free from all responsibility for them, and who will, therefore, encounter no popular prejudice or distrust on account of them. So far as the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Territorial Government are concerned, we believe the people of Kansas are satisfied with things as they are.

The Legislative department of the Territorial Government, as now constituted, presents insuperable obstacles to general harmony. The Code of Laws is without any authority recognized as valid;—it abounds in flagrant, wicked, anti-republican, and unconstitutional enactments;—much of it is in direct violation of the Nebraska bill;—and, while the great body of the inhabitants of Kansas absolutely reject its authority, men of all parties there and elsewhere agree that it ought not to be enforced. The present Legislature, moreover, has been chosen in such a manner that its validity cannot be recognized without admitting the authority of the Territorial Code. Its members were chosen at an election where none but Pro-Slavery votes were given, and do not, in any sense, either in form or in fact, represent the people of the Territory. Until something is done to remove this obstacle, it is clear that cordial and permanent harmony cannot be restored.

Congress, in our judgment, ought immediately to abolish the whole Code of Laws enacted by the Territorial Legislature, and take steps to replace the present Council and Assembly by others, to be chosen in their stead. This could occasion no serious inconvenience, nor could it give serious offence, in any quarter—while it would enable the Free-State citizens to abandon their present position of a separate State organization, and take part in the Territorial Government, without any sacrifice of principle, or, what is often more important, of their pride. All the inhabitants would take part in a new election, to be held under stringent regulations and the supervision of Governor Geary;—and they would all thus be bound to acquiesce in its result.

It is possible that Congress may be disposed to pass an "Enabling Act" at its present session, authorizing a Convention for the formation of a State Constitution. We are inclined to believe, however, that it will be more prudent to continue Kansas under a Territorial form of government for some time longer. The election of a Convention, and the formation of a State Constitution, coming so soon, would inevitably revive contests and animosities which have just begun to die away, and would thus prevent that general restoration of harmony and quiet which is the first thing necessary for the public good. Besides, it is very doubtful whether the population of Kansas is large enough to justify its admission as a State, when there is no special and overruling necessity for such a step. From the best information within our reach, we believe that the population of Kansas at the present time does not exceed 25,000,—and this is not half enough to be entitled, upon the ratio established by law, to one member in the House of Representatives. It is clearly good policy to discourage the formation and admission of new, small States, unless special circumstances may render such a step expedient.

If Congress would take measures to remodel the Territorial legislature—to abolish the [illegible] enactments which disfigure its statute book—and to open the way for the participation of all the inhabitants in the affairs of the Territory, we believe that the people of Kansas, and of the country at large, would be content with a Territorial Government for a year or two to come. Meantime the population would increase; the purchase and settlement of lands would advance; capital and labor would find their way into the Territory; the peaceful pursuits of industry would become established upon a prosperous and substantial basis, and the people of the Territory would [illegible] such laws and regulations for the Territory, and [illegible] as they desired. But this is past praying for. Whatever this may have been decided by the late election, this point, we suppose, has been put at rest. Congress will not examine that power, nor prohibit Slavery from Kansas or any other Territory. As the next best thing, therefore, we hope the people will be allowed to decide the matter for themselves. All we ask is, that they shall be enabled to do it freely, without coercion or interference from any quarter.

All parties in Congress ought to be satisfied with this, and should take steps to secure it.

National Land Grants.

Nobody out of New-Hampshire and Arkansas doubts in these days the value of public improvements. Whether empires should be flung away to get them, is another matter. By the several railroad grants passed and to be passed through this present Congress, thirty thousand square miles of the national territory are to be transferred to a dozen Railroad Companies in four or five different States. If we turn to the map, we find that the tract thus locked up in the hands of monopoly equals in size the six New-England States taken together, and with the help of arithmetic we find that should they ever come to be as densely peopled as those States are, the future homes of 5,500,000 men, women and children will be in the hands of these corporations and their tail of speculators. In Iowa alone 4,300,000 acres have been given to four railroads—more than a million of acres apiece—in other words, an eighth part of the entire State; in still other words, a tract equaling in size the State of New-Jersey—embracing all the Government land there remaining of any value to the emigrant. Startling and enormous as these surrenders are, we might naturally suppose them to have been well weighed and elaborately discussed before consummation. People in ordinary life do not fling away vast estates, and rob entailed heirs of property to which they alone have legal claim, without measuring the consideration and maturely debating the terms. Upon these immense concessions, however, there has been apparently neither reflection nor discussion. They have been severally produced, without notice, from the House Committee, the previous question moved, and driven *through by high pressure. The Minnesota bill now on the stocks will no doubt meet similar* treatment. In a deliberative body, in short, whole realms are flung away, not only without deliberation, but with a resolute prevention of it; and all for the benefit of a lobby of capitalists. It is too late to interpose. It may not, however, be too late to name for the lesson's sake two or three points that might under different circumstances have been urged against these measures with a show of effect.

1. As matters of public expediency they were uncalled for. Railroad enterprises no longer need such stimulants. In Iowa or Wisconsin, or Minnesota, there is no county at all settled, that is not able and willing to contribute by private stock subscriptions, or by the issue of bonds, to the construction of a due proportion of any needed road to market. *Two out of the four roads endowed in the former* State were under contract, and would have been finished as rapidly as the population of their several territories justified. As they were not to open, like the Pacific Railroad, a desert, in order to unite two remote seats of population and civilization, but merely to proceed onward with the westerly flow of settlement, they might have been safely left to the progress of emigration. Public policy rather forbade than exacted them.

2. The emigrant by these measures is left almost destitute of desirable land upon which to locate. He has a most undesirable choice between refuse or remote tracts at Government price, or submission to the arbitrary terms of speculators. He may wish to settle within fifteen miles of a railroad; he must pay any price the corporation and the speculators choose to dictate. This is of itself a sufficient objection to such measures. But the emigration for the coming Spring is likely to be larger than ever before. Hundreds and thousands, expelled by poverty, rent and prices, are preparing to move from this City, and from the Atlantic shore, to Western homes. They go with their little savings nicely calculated to pay traveling expenses and buy so much Government land at the standard price. They are to be disappointed. The haste with which these bills are pressed proves that they were intended to be disappointed. The land is given to railroads so precipitately for fear the overwhelming emigration might else leave none to give. The bills are designed to discourage, not promote emigration. The signature of the President was still wet upon the bills already passed, when orders were sent to half the land-offices in the West and South to close upon the thronging buyers. Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, already so far as their best lands are concerned, out of the market; Minnesota very likely to be in the same condition before the Spring opens; the emigrant of small means will either take his chance of squatter sovereign in Kansas and Nebraska, or waste his life in some distant and difficult district of the far West. Many a hardy and thrifty son of industry with life-long hopes of seeking with his family the great West, has been cheated and defeated by these bills.

3. The Bounty Land act, of March 5, 1855, gave away 14,000,000 to soldiers, their widows, and minor heirs. Through the tardiness of the Pension Bureau, warrants for half the area had not reached the applicants when the land grants of last session were passed. Upon these patient waiters on official routine further grants must fall with ruinous weight. Already land warrants have fallen off fifteen per cent., from their price last Winter; pass the Minnesota bill, and they will suffer quite as seriously. The Bounty Land law, in giving 160 acres of land to the soldier, meant to give him $200, its value at first cost. These grants strip the gift of one-fourth its value; disappoint the innocent claimant, and commit an act of flagrant injustice upon a class of people entitled of all others to exemption from such ill-treatment.

The secret of all this ardent legislation for private corporations will no doubt come to light one of these days. The first session of this Congress produced hardly any other fruit. The time for reflection afforded by the recess will, we trust, have had its salutary influence with members, and will induce them at least to debate further concessions before granting them. Public good requires that grace [illegible]

Will Prussia Fight?

Some leading European journals apprehend that nothing short of an absolute back-out by one party or the other can prevent a war between Prussia and Switzerland. The dispute, doubtless, has its difficulties, but a solution is not so impracticable as we are asked to believe. Its origin is familiar without readers—a rival claim for sovereignty over the little Province of Neufchatel. Frederick William objects that Switzerland should belong to the Swiss. His pretensions have not, of course, a shadow of foundation. He claims a tract of land which geographically, politically, historically, belongs to Switzerland. The inhabitants of the disputed country are Swiss, and are opposed to Prussian rule. The case, in fact, is unworthy of argument. No one, at least, on this side of the Atlantic entertains any other idea on the subject than that Neufchatel is a Swiss Canton;—and, if there were no other cogent reasons, the fact that the claim of the Federal Council is just and right would at once command the sympathies of the American people.

We are not, however, disposed to believe, with certain European journals, that Prussia is determined to urge her claims upon Switzerland forthwith at the point of the bayonet. We are told, it is true, that her army has been placed upon a war footing, and that other preparations of a hostile character are going on; but this game of brag is too often played by European powers, to create any great excitement among those whom it is intended to deceive. Switzerland, the party most interested, is certainly not intimidated, and, apparently, not much moved by these demonstrations. Nor need she be. On more than one occasion, among her own hills, has she proved herself able to cope, single-handed, with Prussia. If the character of the Swiss has been furnished by a readiness to sell their swords to the highest bidder, their reputation for determined, obstinate, unyielding courage is world-wide. As soldiers of fortune they have fought at different times for almost every monarch in Europe; and when under no obligation but the contract that bound them to a temporary master, they never knew what it was to yield, but have always died fighting at their posts. The higher qualities of the Swiss have been at all times conspicuous when their services were required *to defend the honor or independence of* their country. We have seen, in this instance, how the insolent demand of Prussia for the unconditional release of the Royalist prisoners has met with a dignified but peremptory refusal.

France, too, intervenes and threatens, but without avail. And here, by the way, it may be noted how Napoleon, with an ingratitude characteristic of the man, turns upon the country which once protected him and of which he once claimed to be a citizen. But the sturdy little Republic heeds neither the one nor the other. It is not scared by the warlike preparations of Prussia, and does not cringe for the aid or intercession of France. It stands firm in conscious rectitude, and, we *believe and hope, will stand firm to the end in* the position it has assumed. But we do not argue from this that there will be war. *Prussia will not venture to send an army into* Swiss territory, for if she did, that army would meet with the same fate that other Prussian armies have met with there in days gone by. The Kingdom could scarcely stand the expenses that such a war would entail;—and for what?—an empty point of honor—a bagatelle—for sovereignty over a strip of land about as large as a good-sized farm! On the other hand, a defensive war to Switzerland would be far less expensive than the aggressive one would be to her enemy. She has more than enough men to protect herself from invasion. Her position is impregnable, and her people, among their own mountains, might defy ten times their number. They would fight to the last man. We have no sort of fear for the result, if Prussia should measure swords with her Republican neighbor. But we do not anticipate any such issue. We expect to hear shortly that powerful intervention has been used "to spare the effusion of blood," or, more correctly speaking, to get King Frederick William out of his present disagreeable scrape.

One of the Roads to Crime.

One of the surest methods of making criminals is to degrade labor and pay undue respect to wealth. Men will run any risks to gain a position in society. The recent disclosures in the cases of Huntingdon, Tuckerman, and other similar delinquents in this country; of Sadleir, Robson, Redpath, and others in England and France, prove that the desire to appear well in society, to be ranked among the happy few who live without labor and indulge in the elegancies of life, is one of the strongest incentives to crime. And it must be noticed, for the fact is painfully evident, that the false spirit of aristocracy which reverences mere wealth and scorns honest labor, is becoming alarmingly prevalent among us. It is time that the Press and the Pulpit, and every other instrument for modifying opinion, and producing a moral effect, were employed in checking the growing evil in question. It is especially the duty of parents to instill into the minds of their children just ideas on the true dignity of labor, and the worthlessness of mere extrinsic show; for the child that has been taught to regard wealth as the standard of excellence, and honest labor as degrading, will run a narrow risk of ending his days on the gallows or in the cells of a prison. A few nights since a little child of some ten years, who should have been as guileless and innocent as a cherub, on being requested to dance with another child of her own age, shrugged up her shoulders and, in her childish way, positively refused. On being asked why she hesitated, she said she couldn't dance with the other little girl because her father was captain of a steamboat. Of course the little creature was taught to regard the captain of a steamboat with disdain, and probably to look upon the children of all mechanics as below her, or she would not have dreamed of making such an excuse. It would require no gift of prophecy to foresee what must be the inevitable termination of a life which is commenced with such false ideas of what should constitute true claims to honor and respect.

The State Finances.—The Annual Report of the Comptroller of the State of New-York was submitted to the Legislature yesterday, and will be found elsewhere in this morning's Times. It embraces an account of the several funds of the State—the General Fund, the General Fund Debt Sinking Fund, the Common School Fund, the United States Deposit Fund, the Literature Fund, the Free Trade Fund, and the Canal Fund. It is a weighty document, and will bestead to exhibit very minutely the condition of the Finances of the State.

Congress.—In the Senate yesterday, Mr. Weller reported a bill to increase the pay of officers of the Army, and gave notice of his intention to call it up at an early day. It is to be hoped that the matter will not be allowed to rest here, but that every effort will be made to push it forward to an early consummation. The case of Senator Hamlin was considered, and debated by Messrs. Bayard against, and Foster in favor of his right to the seat. A letter was received from Mr. Hamlin, of Maine, resigning his seat as a Senator from that State, on account of his election as Governor. Adjourned to Friday.

In the House, the debate on the President's Message was continued, and speeches were made by Messrs. Barclay, of Pennsylvania, and Sandidge, of Louisiana. The former was very severe on President Pierce and his Administration, saying that the only effect of the Message would be to increase, if possible, the contempt which already existed throughout the country for its author. Mr. Sandidge answered the speech of Mr. Davis, of Maryland, delivered on Tuesday, and contended that the Know-Nothing Party, in the two years of its existence, had done more for the advancement of the Catholic religion than the Church through its ministers could have done in twenty years. The House also adjourned to Friday.

The Legislature.—The business of legislation was commenced in earnest in both branches of the Legislature yesterday. In the Senate, after the organization of the Committees, petitions were presented for an Inebriate Asylum, for a Prohibitory Law, in reference to the Central Park, and for various other purposes. Notice was given of bills to provide for repairs and superintendence of the Canals, to reorganize the Police Department of this City, in relation to the taxation of Incorporations, to amend the Brooklyn Water Charter, to amend the law of libel and the usury laws, &c. The matter of the contested seat of Messrs. Sickles and Barr was taken up, and, after some debate, was made the special order for *Friday. A bill extending the time for the* Harbor Commissioners to report until the second Tuesday in April, was passed.

In the Assembly, petitions were presented for the relief of citizens of Kansas, for the incorporation of the Turnvereins of this City, for the protection of the purity of elections, for a prohibitory law. Notice was given of bills for the relief of the Mexican Volunteers, relative to the gunpowder laws, to protect citizens of New-York against the imposition of City Railroads, &c. A resolution was introduced, but laid over, denouncing President Pierce's Message, and condemning the policy of his Administration. The Comptroller's Annual Report was presented, and will be found in this morning's Times.

Traces of Party Strife.—The Young *Men's Christian Association is convulsed by a* controversy as to whether the *Express* newspaper shall be put on file in its reading-room, or not. If the difference of opinion in regard to the subject turned upon the question of its interest as a newspaper or its value as an index and guide of public sentiment, the contest would not elicit any special notice,—though it would be one of far too little importance to justify the degree of attention bestowed upon it. But the objection taken is, that it is an immoral paper, and the proof relied on is the misrepresentation and caricature of fact to which it resorted during the Presidential canvass.

We confess this matter does not strike us as being worthy of such an Association. If they are to have political newspapers upon their files at all, they must in fairness have those which represent all parties. And when they begin to take exception to the spirit or manner in which any one is conducted, they enter upon a very large field for inquiry. Party spirit pervades nearly the whole press,—religious as well as secular;—and every paper, in the interest of any party, whether moral, ecclesiastical or political, resorts to devices for promoting its ends which a rigid judgment would probably be compelled to regard as immoral. There is very great danger, moreover, that any attempt to exclude any one paper will be regarded as a movement of hostility towards the party of which it is the organ and representative.

We fear that the zealous temper engendered by the late election is exerting an unfavorable influence upon the action and spirit of the Young Men's Christian Association. The members very naturally took a deep interest in the contest, and are still more or less under the influence of its excitement. But they make a great mistake in bringing its issues, or any connected with them, into an Association which embraces men of all parties, whose appropriate sphere of action is remote from politics, and which is certain to be deeply injured by such dissensions as the introduction of these topics must excite.

We trust that, before these wranglings shall have made an ineffaceable mark upon the character of the Association, some means may be devised of waiving all further controversy upon them and returning to the legitimate path of duty which all friends of the Association can pursue together.

Revenons a Nos Moutons.—One of the fashionable eccentricities of the day which have sprung from the rapid intercourse that has been established between Europe and the United States, is eating English mutton. No dinner is now considered perfect without a saddle or a leg of English mutton, brought by the last steamer. English mutton is not only served up at all our restaurants and public hotels, but at the tables of private houses, and, if only a quarter of the English mutton that is eaten here comes across the Atlantic, the steamships must make a good deal of money by their freights of South Downs. In fact, we do not see how the steamers can find room for anything else beside the carcasses of sheep, at this season of the year. But it is rather remarkable that our native mutton still keeps up as high as ever, in price, notwithstanding the immense importation of the foreign article. We should not be surprised if it were to leak out that a good many of our own Know-nothing sheep were served up as English mutton, and eaten without the difference being discovered by our gourmands and connoisseurs in the delicacies of the table. Without intending to disparage our own mutton, we think it would be as well to [illegible] the Knight, and instead of calling it Down, let us call it, honestly, Down South.

An Awful Squint Towards Congressional Demoralization.—The *Tribune* is again agitating its pet grievance, the mileage question, and has suggested a compensation for the mileage of members which could not fail to produce a state of affairs at the National Capitol worse than anything that has been reported of Salt Lake City. The *Tribune* suggests that an allowance shall be made to members of Congress sufficient to enable them to take to the Capitol a certain number of their female relatives, the husbands to take their wives as a matter of course:

"As to the bachelors and widowers, to avoid any objection on their part they might be allowed to compromise—the bachelors by bringing a grandmother, a mother, an aunt, or a sister, for whom the widowers might be allowed to substitute a niece or a daughter-in-law."

It is easy to foresee what sort of grandmothers, nieces and daughters-in-law would be carried to Washington to be supported during the session of Congress at the public expense. The mileage swindle, as the *Tribune* calls it, now only costs the nation a few thousands of dollars, but the substitute of the *Tribune*, if it should be adopted, would cost much more, by corrupting the morals of our representatives.

An Astute Editor.—The *Express* says of Gov. King's Message:

"The Governor then, after all his very satisfactory remarks upon white men, gives a column or more (over a sixth of his Message)—to the black man,—and we, of the white race, are thankful that he gives no more. We presume this part of his Message is well enough,—but we have not read it, and do not intend to, as we are surfeited with such discourses from all quarters."

This is one way of disposing of an adversary; but we do not quite comprehend how the *Express* could know what the unread part of the Governor's Message was without reading it. It might possibly have contained something about the race to which the *Express* professes to belong; and, if it did not, it might still be a subject of interest. The Governor had a good deal to say about poor children, but it was not especially meant to be read by that unfortunate class only.

A Difference Easily Accounted For.—The editor of the *Freeman's Journal* in commenting on Col. Benton's speech at the New-England dinner at the Astor House, says:

"We were some six months in the heart of New-England, and visited a number of the factories—but came away with impressions somewhat differing from those of the venerable ex-Senator. We should be glad to believe that the *facts* support the conclusions laid before the New-England Diners."

It is not at all surprising that the editor of the *Freeman's Journal* should come away from New-England with impressions differing from those of Col. Benton—there is as very great a difference in the two persons. There is good authority for believing that an ass cannot be improved by being pounded in a mortar, and it is very probable that even Mr. MacMaster might be six months in the heart of New-England without being the better for it.

The Atlantic Telegraph.—A letter from the New-York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company has been transmitted to the Senate by the President, in answer to a resolution of that body, in which the Company proposes to enter into a contract with the Government on the same terms and conditions as with the British Government, and requests the President to make such recommendation to Congress as will tend to secure the proper laying of the cable. The President, however, makes no such recommendation, and the matter was referred to the Post-Office Committee of the Senate.

The Beef Markets.

The Cattle Markets were well supplied with good beeves yesterday, notwithstanding the detention of several droves by snow and on the railroads. A strong but nearly unsuccessful effort was made to put up prices, but our readers may congratulate themselves on the prospect of good steaks and roasting pieces for at least one week longer, and at comparatively cheap rates too—if the butchers do the fair thing.

Autocrat's Satires.

Mr. Aptommas gave the second *soirée* of his classical series on Tuesday evening, and succeeded in drawing together a good audience. The programme opened with Onslow's fine trio in C, performed by the Mozarkiewicz Brothers, and Mr. Aptommas. The impracticability of the harp for classical purposes has been somewhat overcome by Mr. Aptommas, who possesses a remarkable facility in manipulation of half-tones, not easily produced on that instrument. There was much to be surprised at in the performance of this trio, but little to reconcile us to the use of the harp in place of the piano. All instruments have their peculiarities, and, so long as they confine themselves to these, are good; but when they attempt more than their genre permits, they are apt to be weak and unsatisfactory. This seemed to us to be the case in the trio. Mr. Aptommas is one of the greatest of living players, and it is a luxury of an unusual kind to listen to his masterly performance on the harp. We doubt if there is living another artist capable of playing the "Lucrezia" Fantasia with the ease, brilliancy and finish he brought to bear on that elaborate arrangement. Next to this Alvars' "La Mandoline," and Bochsa's "Le Source" seemed to us to be the most clearly executed. The attraction of the evening, however, was the celebrated duet for Harp and Piano by Alvars and Czerny, executed by Mr. Aptommas and Madame Strakosch. The themes of the duet are taken from Donizetti's "Linda di Chamounix," and are worked up in a consummate style of brilliancy, the duet (O consolarmi) especially being subjected to the extremest torture. It is a very effective Concert piece, and when played by two first-rate artists cannot fail to give delight. It received the fullest justice on Tuesday night. Madame Strakosch is an excellent pianist, and has a brilliant and powerful touch with plenty of executive dexterity.

Mr. Mollenhauer performed a solo on the violin, and Mr. Fenna sang several songs,—as a volunteer for Madame Ehrenz, who was sick and could not appear. Altogether this *soirée* was as enjoyable as any we have attended this season.

Gottschalk.

Mr. Gottschalk gives one more concert prior to his departure, for the benefit of his treasurer and manager, Mr. D. S. Bookstaver. It will, we believe, be his last appearance in New-York City; and the event should receive proper notice by those who lay claim to appreciation of native talent of the highest order. The concert will take place at Dodworth's Rooms on Tuesday of next week. Mrs. Bostwick is, we believe, the vocalist of the occasion.

☞ The National Association of the Surviving Soldiers of the War of 1812 will hold its annual meeting to-day in the city of Washington. The meeting will be held in the Council Room of the City Hall, which has been politely tendered to the Association for that purpose by the Council.

☞ The Upper Canada mail, in charge of Mr. McGillivray, British mail agent, did not reach this City until 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Cunard detained the steamer *Europa* until its arrival.

☞ The U. S. *Nautical Magazine*, for January, has made its appearance. It is one of the most readable numbers of this serial yet issued.

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[illegible] Office, in the apartments of the New-England Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Lieut. S. E. Franklin, Assistant Professor of Ethics in the Naval School, Annapolis, has been detached (at his own request) and ordered to the Portsmouth, and Passed Midshipman J. S. Barnes has been ordered to take his place in the Academy. Mr. Barnes is a graduate of the institution.

The New-Orleans *Advocate* of the 30th of December says Bishop Fadin arrived in that city on the 19th, and that while on board the mail boat he was robbed of his pocket-book, containing several hundred dollars.

Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, the Governor elect of Maine, passed through Boston, on his way to Augusta, to be present at the opening of the State Legislature, Monday.

Geo. D. Prentice contradicts the rumor that he was about to remove to St. Louis, and says he will not leave the Louisville *Journal* until his health leaves him.

Mrs. C. T. Smith (formerly Miss Maria Barrow) took a benefit at the Troy Adelphi, the other evening, when somebody threw upon the stage a sealed envelope containing $200.

Ephraim Evans, a ship broker at Hyannis, who died on the 15th ult., was formerly a Boston ship-master, and leaves a wife and two daughters in Charlestown.

The Kentish (England) *Mercury* states that we confidate can think of being shaved by Jeffries, unless he can put down "Gray's" [illegible].

Chief-Justice Shaw, of Massachusetts, who has been quite sick for some days past, has so far recovered as to be able to go into the street.

Davidge, the comedian, has recently drawn a large prize in the Maryland Lottery. In all his comic experience he probably never realized a better joke.

Anthony Burns, the hero of the Slavery Emigration case, is delivering a series of lectures in Cleveland, Ohio.

Gov. Robinson, of Kansas, is in Boston.

The *Long Island Farmer* has the following touching the home of Gov. King:

"Mr. King's absence for two years from our town will be noted and felt. He has always resided at Jamaica upon his paternal estate, and he has identified himself with the growth and prosperity of this village. His counsel was sought and his services were contributed in every way, to advance the interests of his native town, and his influence was felt especially in the educational institutions. Under his sway, the Common Schools, and [illegible] Academy, all received the benefit of his influence and counsel. [illegible] was conducted by the public with [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] of

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At the great sale, No. 703 Broadway,
Near 4th-st.

$50,000 WORTH OF DRY GOODS
TO BE SOLD OFF WITHOUT RESERVE.
Commencing on Monday, 5th inst.
ISAAC HADDOCK, NO. 265 GRAND-ST.,
(Between Chrystie and Forsyth sts.,)
Will SELL OFF his general stock of
DOMESTIC AND FANCY DRY GOODS,
At prices much below their present value. Consisting of blankets, quilts, domasks, Irish linens, toweling, bleached and brown muslins, ginghams, casimeres, shawls, merinoes, paramattas, black silks, marceilles, de laines, prints, tickings, &c. Also, hosiery, gloves, ribbons, embroideries, trimmings, and a small assortment of kinds.

As this stock will be sold without reserve, I. H. hopes his customers will call early and reap the benefit of good goods at low prices.

Lease of the store and house to be disposed of—5 years to run, from 1st of May next.

LADIES' SLEIGHING CLOAKS,
AT
GENIN'S BAZAAR,
No. 513 Broadway,
A cheap garment, with comfort and elegance combined, imported expressly for the sleighing season, at the following extraordinary low prices:
Heavy Cloth Wrappers.....$6 00—worth $4 50
Extra Heavy Cloth Wrappers.....$7 50—worth $6 00
Siberian Cloth Circulars.....$4 00—worth $9 00
Lion Skin Cloth Cloaks.....$5 00—worth $12 00
The above are not to be found in any other establishment in this City.
GENIN'S BAZAAR,
St. Nicholas Hotel.

CLOAKS AT HALF PRICE,
TO CLOSE THE SEASON'S IMPORTATIONS.
We shall offer our ENTIRE CLOAK STOCK during the MONTH OF JANUARY,
At (in most cases) ONE-HALF the ORIGINAL PRICE in order to effect an entire clearance.
GEORGE BULPIN,
No. 361 Broadway.

GREAT SALE OF MOURNING GOODS.
The subscriber being induced to enlarge store and make important improvements before Spring, in consequence of which the present valuable stock will be sold off at a great sacrifice, commencing on Monday the 5th instant. Take Notice, a lot of Embroideries, slightly soiled, at half-cost.
W. JACKSON'S New Mourning Store,
No. 551 Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts.

FURS.

FURS AT HALF PRICE,
TO CLOSE THE SEASON'S IMPORTATIONS.
We shall offer our entire FUR STOCK during the MONTH OF JANUARY,
at (in most cases) ONE-HALF the ORIGINAL PRICE, in order to effect an ENTIRE CLEARANCE.
GEO. BULPIN,
No. 361 Broadway.

FURS AT COST.
At HARLEY'S, No. 54 John-st.,
and No. 13 Maiden-lane.
Fur Mantillas and Cuffs, $20.
Fur Capes and Cuffs, $5.

INSTRUCTION.

$10.—ELEGANT PENMANSHIP GUARANteed to every student, old and young. By a new method of scientific "hand-training. Mr. DOLBEAR, No. 609 Broadway, removes all stiffness and trembling from every hand, and gives a rapid business style in a few private lessons. Four $10 seats vacant. Apply this day or evening.

CLASSICAL, FRENCH AND ENGLISH SCHOOL.—No. 272 Broadway, corner of 16th-st. There are four departments, viz.: Primary, Junior, English and Classical. Seven assistant teachers and a teacher of Gymnastics. Chemistry at the school, at RANDOLPH'S, corner Broadway and Amity-sts., and at No. 156 2d-av. GEO. C. ANTHON.

AMERICAN SCHOOL INSTITUTE—APPLETON'S BUILDING, No. 346 BROADWAY.—Parents can consult, gratuitously, a complete register of first-class schools. Principals will find the Institute the best medium for obtaining pupils and competent teachers. Teachers wishing engagements should address
R. H. CHAPMAN & SMITH.

A CARD TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW-YORK AND BROOKLYN.—The subscriber's rooms are open day and evening for class or private instruction in penmanship and book-keeping.
OLIVER B. GOLDSMITH,
No. 363 Broadway, corner Franklin-st.

BOOK-KEEPING, WRITING, ALGEBRA, &c.—ARITHMETIC, &c.—Taught every day and evening at Mr. FAIRE'S, No. 62 Bowery, New-York, and No. 308 Fulton-st., Brooklyn. Ladies' writing classes $2. 12 lessons, including stationery. Commutation by the month or quarter.

JERSEY CITY.—THE MISSES ROUSSELLE'S school for young ladies will reopen Monday, Jan. 5. After children can be received as boarders, on moderate terms. For references, &c., apply at No. 45 Grand-st.

FRENCH INSTITUTE FOR YOUNG GENTLEMEN.—Classical and Commercial Boarding and Day School, No. 45 East 24th-st., near Madison Park. Prof. ELIE CHARLIER.

KEROSENE OILS.
KEROSENE LUBRICATING OIL.
KEROSENE ILLUMINATING OIL.
KEROSENE BINNACLE OIL.
PARAFINE RAILWAY GREASE.
ELECTRIC LAMPS.
AUSTENS, AGENTS, No. 50 Beaver-st.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

[illegible] New-York, Dec. 31, 1856. WILLIAM HOGE. JAMES ROBB.

I HAVE ASSOCIATED with me my brother, Mr. THOMAS B. HOGE, and will continue to transact business from this date, in the City of New-York, under the name and style of WILLIAM HOGE & CO., and I have associated with me, in my Liverpool firm, Mr. WILLIAM WILLIAMSON, at that place, and will transact business there, under the same date under the name and style of HOGE & WILLIAMSON.
Jan. 1, 1857. WILLIAM HOGE.
Office in New-York, No. 49 Wall-st., Manhattan Bank Buildings.

WE HAVE ASSOCIATED with us Messrs. CHARLES B. WILSON, J. HAMILTON WILSON, and THOMAS L. HALLETT, and will transact business from this date in the City of New-York, under the name and style of ROBB, HALLETT & CO., and in Liverpool under the name and style of R. WILSON, HALLETT & CO., in the latter place, as successors of the firm composed of the late R. Wilson, Esq., and of W. R. Hallett, Esq.
Jan. 1, 1857. JAMES ROBB & CO.
Office in New-York, No. 49 Wall-st., Mechanics' Bank Buildings.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—NOTICE IS hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the firm of HALSTED, BROKAW & COUTLER, this day by mutual consent. The outstanding affairs will be settled by either of the undersigned, who are authorized to sign in the name of the firm in liquidation. Office, Nos. 52 and 54 Murray-st.
NATHANIEL E. HALSTED,
JOSEPH BROKAW,
HENRY BUTLER,
CHAS. B. ANDREWS,
BENJ. S. THOMAS,
WILLIAM KENT.
New-York, Dec. 31, 1856.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm of BROKAW, BUTLER & CO., for the transaction of the Dry Goods Jobbing Business, and will occupy the Store Nos. 52 and 54 Murray-st.
Mr. N. N. HALSTED will occupy an office as above.
JOSEPH BROKAW,
HENRY BUTLER,
CHARLES B. ANDREWS,
WILLIAM KENT.
New-York, Jan. 1, 1857.

DISSOLUTION.—THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing under the firm of GROESBECK & COOK is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The name of the firm will be used by either in settlement.
A. V. S. GROESBECK,
JAN. 1, 1857. JOHN F. COOK.

COPARTNERSHIP.—A. V. S. GROESBECK has this day associated with him ANDREW J. WOOD, late of the firm of Freeland, Stuart & Co., and will continue a general Oil and Lard business, under the firm of GROESBECK & WOOD, at No. 216 Washington-st., corner of Duane.
A. V. S. GROESBECK,
JAN. 1, 1857. A. J. WOOD.

JOHN F. COOK has this day opened the store No. 75 Canal-st., for the purpose of conducting the Produce and Smoking business, and will be pleased to receive orders from his friends, which will be faithfully executed.
JOHN F. COOK.

DISSOLUTION.—THE LATE PARTNERSHIP of LATHROP & LUDINGTON expires this day by its own limitation, No. 16 Cortlandt-st.
New-York, Dec. 31, 1856.

The undersigned will continue the Dry Goods Importing and Jobbing business, under the firm of LATHROP, LUDINGTON & CO., and will remove, Feb. 1, to their new store, Nos. 25 and 26 Park-place, and Nos. 20 and 22 Murray-st., (between Broadway and Church-st.)
R. D. LATHROP,
C. H. LUDINGTON,
J. H. MORRISON,
WM. EAKON,
E. J. HUNTER.
New-York, Jan. 1, 1857.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—THE COPARTNERSHIP under the name and style of FREELAND, STUART & CO., expires by limitation at this date—JOHN M. STUART retiring from business. JAMES FREELAND, JOHN M. STUART and ROBERT SQU

NEW-YORK CITY.

France and Louis Napoleon—Mr. Gudzinski.

A tolerably patient, philosophic, fashionable and speculative people, [illegible] Louis Napoleon, to have [illegible] could forgive. The following is a rough sketch of his points and [illegible]:

[illegible] statesman, Prince, said he, may well [illegible] incomprehensible to comprehend. At one [illegible] the champion of democracy, [illegible] with seeming blindness [illegible] the lower dregs of democracy. Are these changes [illegible] extremes to the other the result merely of [illegible] dissimulation, or royalty, or are they the results [illegible] the careful observer may [illegible]. In France, in short, he is deemed to [illegible] like, between scarcity on one side [illegible] of all liberty on the other. This was the point Mr. G. proposed to elucidate. He believed that France had made no [illegible] without good cause [illegible] every chance had brought to light defects of [illegible] organized, and had [illegible] to have herself, and therefore, put [illegible] of improvement.

[illegible] that the projections against France were [illegible] the remains of her first revolution, he proceeded [illegible] to show the horrible oppression of an untaxed [illegible] which had led to that revolution [illegible] from original documents, (a portion of them in the archives of Berlin,) the intrigues of the court, while pretending to accept the constitution, to effect an invasion of France by foreign troops; made it clear that those acts of violence, which have thrown a shade over the Revolution of '92, did not occur until after the foreign armies were on her soil, marching to the relief of the Bourbons, and vindicated the morality of history by showing that the instigators of the Reign of Terror were the victims.

[illegible] of the empire, made necessary by the general combining against France; the causes of the [illegible] which it forgot its origin; the blind and [illegible] of the old nobles who crowded back to [illegible] with the Bourbons; the indecisity they [illegible] their cause disregard for public opinion or right, and the consequent fall of CHARLES X., were all clearly depicted. The key to LOUIS PHILIPPE's character was given in a letter, written soon after July, 1830, to the Emperor NICHOLAS, in which he declared he to be "unfavorable to the [illegible] event which had placed him on the throne of France." Of the revolution of '48 Mr. G. spoke as a personal witness, here [illegible] to his general good conduct of the people, and vainly to free from the usual accusations of the malcontents and croakers.

The means by which LOUIS NAPOLEON insinuated himself into the office of President, and so prepared for his violent usurpation, were fully exposed. In these Mr. G. showed an exact knowledge of the financial condition and economic influences which are at work in France. "The rich bankers and manufacturers who ruled France with LOUIS PHILIPPE (his [illegible] office-holders in government) had never been [illegible] to tax personal property, and the great burden of taxation was thrown by them upon land and upon the small proprietors who, since the revolution of '92, are very numerous. A tax on arable land is in any case the worst form of imposition, for it is a tax on production and not on consumption—a tax which strikes industry at the outset, blasted of priority owning to call its fruits." The Provincial Governors, to make up the financial deficiencies of that of LOUIS PHILIPPE, had added an additional 45 per cent to the land tax. This, naturally enough [illegible] the peasant proprietor, and he confounded [illegible] the Provisional Government, the Republic and the land tax. This state of things was [illegible] turned to account by LOUIS NAPOLEON'S emissaries, who promised the country people in his name but only a large diminution of the tax, but also the actual return from his own pocket of of the 45 per cent. Thus he won the favor of the people; and on the 12th December, ten days after the coup d'etat, the first step towards the mitigation of the land tax was taken, and it was from the conviction on the part of the country population that those steps would be continued, that he would put the saddle of taxation on the right horse—that they gave him power.

The history of this hated tax, as traced by Mr. G., was very curious. Before '89 the nobles and clergy, who owned two-thirds of the land, were free from taxation; the middling classes, once in power, determined to make the aristocracy pay heavily for their [illegible] contempt; the land tax was made one of the principal sources of revenue, and so has continued. The [illegible] property passed from the aristocracy to the people; they had no representation, and through all regns have been obliged to pay this unequal tax. The result of all which is, that for the great mass of small land owners, the untaxed holders of [illegible] property occupy the same ominous position as did the nobility and clergy before the first revolution. This universe exemption of personal property, while it [illegible] the zeal of honest statesmen and [illegible] to labor for its reform, furnishes at the same time, and Mr. GUIZOT, a stepping-stone for [illegible] and demagogues.

[illegible] the hopes of his too credulous followers had been deceived; how LOUIS NAPOLEON began as LOUIS PHILIPPE did by adulation of the Emperor NICHOLAS; [illegible] from him a similar retort; how he had lent [illegible] to the swindling operations of the Crédit Mobilier, [illegible] with which the Mississippi scheme of LAW was honesty itself—was all sketched by the [illegible] Man of scandalous immorality, in political and financial as well as domestic life placed by him in high positions—a contempt for honest and slow gains spreading through the land—a respect for wealth regardless of the means by which acquired, fostered—literature and the press intimidated—loathsome means of profligate debauch made the principal attraction at the theatre—until Paris under this reign, even to those who claim no Puritan sternness, appears like a second Babylon. A glowing tribute was paid to the men who stand out from this utter darkness—Messrs. MARRAST and JULES SIMON—the former publishing his great History of France, in which regardless of the despotism around him, and the warnings given to a people boldly for liberty and hope; Simon giving up his post as Professor of Philosophy at the Sorbonne and preferring places under Government, rather than swear allegiance to a usurping Emperor, writing his remarkable work on Duty, stimulating to high and noble conduct, and vindicating before the [illegible] the grand truths of Christianity.

The lecture showed how every successive revolution in France was less violent than that which preceded it, how the self-control of the masses had increased with time and education, and gave, as a proof of this, words which, in the most violent clubs of 1848, were often heard from the triumphant people: "We ask no exclusive legislation for ourselves; on the contrary, let us remember always to guard the rights of the minority; as the laws of civilized states [illegible] minority protection with special force over [illegible] and words, so let us, holding power, remember that the defeated minority are our wards, and that we are their responsible guardians." Compared with a sentiment of high and generous statesmanship like this, what an humble contrast, said the lecturer, is presented by that cry of demagogues—that Indian [illegible] of party leaders—To the victor belong the spoils.

The conclusion of this instructive lecture confirmed the reputation with which it commenced—vindicated the character of the masses of the French people, showed there was hope in them and for them, however little there might be from the temporary success of an adroit swindler, or an unprincipled usurper.

During its delivery the lecturer was frequently interrupted with well-deserved applause.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT CALENDAR—THURSDAY, Jan. 8.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—Nos. 32, 34, 38, 40, 51 to 56 inclusive.

SUPREME COURT—*Circuit—Part I.*—Nos. 3, 2293, 149, 149 to 157, 161 to 176, 179 to 245. *Part II.*—Nos. 62, 63, 64, 76, and every alternate (even) number to 150 inclusive.

SUPREME COURT.—Nos. 143, 176, 178 to 186 inclusive, 188 to 196, 198, 200, 202, 207, 208, 210, 211, 212, 214, 215, 216, 218, 220, 221, 222, 224 to 232, 234 to 240, 242 to 250 inclusive.

COMMON PLEAS—*Part I.*—Nos. 95, 97 to 107, 107½, 108, 109. *Part II.*—Nos. 111 to 125 inclusive, 74, 93.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Jan. 7.

Before Hon. Justice Clerke.

JAMES TURNER AND FRAUDEN DISCHARGED ON BAIL.

In our notice of Louis Baker's discharge on bail a few days since, it will be seen that James Turner and Patrick McLoughlin were also allowed the privilege of bail on $5,000 security. These gentlemen were for some time unable to find bail, but yesterday Daniel McCrea, who is the bail for Baker, appeared and offered his services in a like office for Turner and McLoughlin. The formalities being ended, they were discharged from arrest under the indictment for the Pool affray.

Before Hon. Judge Mitchell.

The demurrer on the Calendar and not taken, reserved or otherwise disposed of, will be called in their order on the Calendar on Friday next, (9th inst.) at the opening of the Court, and default will be allowed.

The New-York Mutual Protection Association vs. *Barnet Long et al.*—Complaint to be amended and defendant to be paid his costs of answering.

Long vs. *Pell.*—Demurrer overruled with costs of argument with liberty to bring in assignment.

Mooney vs. *Odell.*—Motion for new trial denied with costs.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—SECOND PART.

Before Hon. Judge Roosevelt.

Hoffman et al. vs. *Woodhull and Edmond Clowes.*—The suit is brought to recover 644 barrels of rosin, seized and sold at $14,500, which the plaintiffs claim to be wrongfully detained by the defendants. They also demand $20,000 damages.

The defendants claimed Thompson gets in at the stern, and claimed to be the master of the ship Virginia. It appeared that the vessel was lying in this port, loaded with rosin. Thompson drove Woodhull, his codefendant, aboard, and freighted the vessel for 800 barrels of turpentine, it being agreed that the vessel should receive no more. They admit the receipt of this amount of spirits. They contend, however, that

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SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Hon. Judge Sidney.

Garner vs. *Hassel.*—Motion for new trial denied with costs of motion.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Judge Ingraham.

William Knight vs. *Thomas W. Boyle.*—Judgment for the plaintiff on demurrer, with liberty to defendant to answer within twenty days on payment of costs.

Nelson Dow vs. *John L. Dorr.*—Order directing a commission to issue.

John B. Kelly vs. *John Barry.*—Order setting aside default on payment of costs.

Margaret C. H. Clarkson vs. *John W. Mitchell.*—Motion for leave to file a supplemental complaint granted by default.

Benjamin E. Mills vs. *Albert W. Hornque, dn.*—Order of reference to G. McAdam, Esq.

MARINE COURT.

Before Judge McCarthy and a Jury.

Charles E. Smith vs. *Joseph S. Taylor, James W. Barker, et al.*—This case arose out of the "Grand Ball and Festival" which was given at the Academy of Music, in honor of the Know-Nothing triumphs of November, 1855. The plaintiff was the assignee of one Henry S. Smith, an engraver, to whom the since-then notorious Ben Van Riper, (who was the originator of the Ball) applied to engrave the tickets, giving the names of Messrs. Taylor, Barker and others as managers of the affair. The engraving and printing was done to the amount of $155, forty of which Van Riper subsequently paid. The present suit was for the balance, the claim having been assigned to the plaintiff. The defendants denied their liability in the premises. Steward Commissioner Taylor himself was called for the plaintiff. He testified that he did not authorize Van Riper to use his name, that he never attended any of the meetings of the ball committee, and that he did not attend the ball. He had, however, subsequently given Van Riper $100 as a gift to help him out of the scrape. As there was not the slightest proof of the defendants' liability, while the testimony was all the other way, Judge McCARTHY dismissed the case.

Before Judge McCarthy.

Wm. H. Albertson vs. *The Mayor, Commonalty, &c., of the City of New-York.*—This was a suit for damage to personal property. The plaintiff, who, a year or two ago, was the Whig candidate for Governor of the Almshouse, was riding down Bloomingdale Road, about 8 or 9 o'clock P. M., in August, 1855. In the neighborhood of the junction with Seventh-avenue, a trench had been dug for the purpose of laying Croton Water pipes. There being no lamps put up at this place, contrary to law, and the night being dark, the plaintiff drove into the trench, breaking his wagon, injuring his horse, and severely wounding himself. The present suit was for the damages to the horse and wagon. Judge McCARTHY awarded $175 and costs.

The Stanwix Hall Affray—Turner and McLaughlin (Paudeen) admitted to Bail.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—WEDNESDAY.

Before Hon. Judge Russell.

On Tuesday (as we stated) Judge RUSSELL, in response to an application from the counsel of McLaughlin and Turner, implicated in the homicide of Poole at Stanwix Hall, in the early part of the year 1855, and confined since that time in the City Prison, fixed the amount of bail preparatory to their release. Yesterday they appeared in Court, accompanied by their bondsmen, and were set at liberty on the approval of the bail and the signing of the bonds. There were two indictments against each of them. On the indictment charging McLaughlin with aiding in the murder of Poole, James McCree, of No. 219 Seventh-avenue, became bail for him in the sum of $5,000. On another indictment, charging him with assault and battery upon Gamaliel Lescraft, he was bailed in $2,000 by James Salmon, of No. 471 Broome-street.

James Turner, on the indictment charging him with aiding and abetting in the murder of Poole, who became bail for Paudeen. The fraternal McRee also gave bail for him in $5000, on an indictment, charging him with an assault with a pistol on Tom Hyer with intent to kill.

ASSAULT WITH A KNIFE—DIFFICULTY BETWEEN TWO COLORED MEN.

William Watts, a negro of the deepest dye, blacker than ebony, darker than night without moon or stars, and with a wildly-rolling eye, suggestive of Messrs. Brady and Bryan's fashionable recipe against the consequences of crime, was placed at the bar, charged with assaulting a brother negro, sunny shades whiter than himself, with a knife, with design to kill him. The injured negro, who received a severe stab in the breast, was named Isaac Stevens. The difficulty occurred on Nov. 11th, at a grocery store in Elizabeth-street. Stevens, it appeared, was a native of Virginia, and Watts cherished an unfavorable feeling towards the old Dominion. He taunted Stevens with the place of his birth, and said that "Virginny niggers were of no account any way." The blood of Stevens mounted at the insult, and he retorted to the effect that "Virginny gentlemen of color could get work to do when they wanted it, and could do it when they had got it." Whether Watts construed this response to mean that he (Watts) could not often get work to do, and was a bungler at it when he did obtain it, did not appear; but certain it is, that he felt himself insulted. His indignation was raised to a greater pitch by Stevens shaking a clenched fist in his face, and otherwise objectionably defying him. The issue was, that a meat-knife in the grocery store lying temptingly before the indignant Watts, he seized it, and inflicted a stab on Stevens' breast. Stevens was not very greatly injured, and was not altogether innocent in the premises. The evidence was somewhat conflicting in its nature, but the Jury, after two hours' deliberation, found Watts guilty of an assault with a dangerous weapon, with intent to do bodily harm, accompanying the verdict with a recommendation to mercy. Judge RUSSELL sentenced him to three months' imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

BURGLARY IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

Richard Lee *alias* George Williams, was tried for breaking into the store of Mr. Turrell, No. 241 West-street, on Nov. 6, and stealing 69 yards of cloth. The cloth was found in the prisoner's possession, and the evidence against him was perfectly conclusive. The Jury, in one minute, found him guilty, and the Judge sentenced him to three years and three months in the State Prison.

Death of Mr. Buchanan's Irish Cousins.

From the Fermanagh (Ireland) Mail.

The town and neighborhood of Fintona were thrown into a state of consternation on Sunday morning last, by the sudden demise of ALEXANDER BUCHANAN, Esq., second cousin of the new American President, who up to the moment of his death on Saturday night was apparently enjoying good health. His brother, BRAYEN BUCHANAN, Esq., Tullybroom, Clogher, was immediately sent for, and after arriving had a severe attack of disease of the heart, which he had been laboring under for some time, and which ended fatally on Tuesday afternoon, while the remains of the former were being conveyed to the churchyard. They were of the nearest relations, in this country, to the new American President, both about forty years of age; unmarried, and highly esteemed by all classes of the community for kindness and benevolence to all, without exception to party.

How Mr. Buchanan's Inaugural will be Written.

During the late Presidential canvass, and at the moment a gallant Senator from the South was proclaiming the certain election of Mr. BUCHANAN, a feather dropped at his feet from the wing of an eagle that was flying over. The gentleman preserved the quill, and, to-day, had it forwarded to Mr. BUCHANAN, to write his inaugural address with. It was not plucked by man from the wing, but was the free gift of our national bird.—*Wash. Cor. Alexandria Sentinel.*

The Lancaster *Intelligencer* says the above statement is correct. Senator BRADY, of Mississippi, is the gentleman referred to. The quill is now in possession of Mr. BUCHANAN, at Wheatland, where we saw it on Friday, and, in accordance with the request of the "gallant Senator," it will be used by the President elect in writing his Inaugural Address.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE ON WASHINGTON-STREET, BOSTON.—On Sunday morning, fire was discovered in the gentlemen's furnishing store of J. G. HAZELTIN & Co., No. 80 Washington-street, and it was found to have spread into the adjoining bookstore of JAMES FERMON & Co., and the tailoring establishment of STANWOOD & HUNT. The whole interior of the two buildings comprising these premises was very badly damaged, and the valuable stocks of all the occupants nearly or quite ruined.

We hear the losses in the aggregate estimated at from $20,000 to $25,000. The buildings belong to the estates of CHARLES TAYLOR and JOHN WELLES.—*Transcript.*

The editor of the Nashua *Telegraph* has a Hawkes printing press, and works on it himself; and he says the fly-wheels cast, by gas-light, a revolving shadow, which is painfully *wearing out the floor!* We know the editor to be a staid, sober-minded person. He has been a "Republican" Senator in the Legislature.

MARKET REPORTS.

Reported exclusively for the New-York Daily Times:

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 7, 1857.

The prices given in our reports from week to week are the averages wholesale prices obtained by producers, and not those at which produce is sold from the market. The variations in prices refer chiefly to the qualities of the articles.

The severe cold weather keeps back Vegetables, and the stock on hand is diminishing, though there is no marked advance in prices as yet.

Apples are quite scarce, and continually growing dearer.

Butter and Eggs about the same as last week.

Poultry and Wild Game are in good supply, beyond the immediate wants of the market. Much of that sent from the West comes in poorly dressed and badly packed. Proper care in this respect would nearly double the value of a great deal, both of domestic poultry and wild game, brought here for sale.

Potatoes—Mercer, common, ⅌ bbl	$2 25	@ $2 50
Potatoes—Northern Carters, ⅌ bbl	3 00	@ 3 25
Potatoes—Jersey Carters, ⅌ bbl	4 00	@ —
Potatoes—Mercer, extra, ⅌ bbl	3 00	@ 3 25
Potatoes—Nova Scotia Mercers, ⅌ bus	87	@ 90
Potatoes—Prime, ⅌ bbl	3 50	@ —
Potatoes—Early, ⅌ bbl	3 25	@ 3 50
Potatoes—Kidneys, ⅌ bbl	3 25	@ 3 50
Potatoes—California, ⅌ bbl	1 75	@ 1 00
Potatoes—Whites, ⅌ bbl	1 75	@ 2 25
Potatoes—Yellow Pinkeyes, ⅌ bushel	2 50	@ —
Potatoes—Sweet from Va., ⅌ bbl	3 50	@ 4 00
Onions—Red, ⅌ bbl	1 62	@ 1 67½
Onions—White, ⅌ bbl	3 00	@ 4 00
Onions—Yellow, ⅌ bbl	2 25	@ 2 50
Onions—⅌ 100 strings	2 50	@ —
Leeks—⅌ dozen bunches	25	@ 75
Garlic—⅌ 100 bunches	4 50	@ —
Celery—⅌ doz	1 00	@ 1 25
Pumpkins—Cheese, ⅌ 100	12 00	@ 18 00
Turnips—Ruta Bags, ⅌ bbl	1 00	@ 1 25
Turnips—White, ⅌ bushel	25	@ 37
Carrots—Washed ⅌ bushel	50	@ —
Beets—⅌ bushel	50	@ 62
Parsnips—⅌ bbl	1 50	@ 1 75
Cranberries—⅌ bbl	10 00	@ 12 00
Cabbages—⅌ 100	4 00	@ 8 00
Apples—Newtown Pippins, ⅌ bb	3 50	@ 3 00
Apples—Rhode Island Greenings, Gilliflowers, &c., ⅌ bbl	3 00	@ 3 00
Apples—Russets, ⅌ bbl	2 00	@ 2 50
Apples—Greenings, ⅌ bbl	3 00	@ 4 00
Apples—Spitzenburgs, ⅌ bbl	4 00	@ 5 00
Apples—Sweetings, ⅌ bbl	3 00	@ 4 00
Apples—Common, ⅌ bbl	2 00	@ 2 50
Hickory Nuts—⅌ bushel	2 00	@ 2 25
Dried Apples—State, ⅌ lb	8½	@ 9½
Dried Apples—Southern, ⅌ lb	4	@ 7
Dried Peaches—⅌ lb	17	@ 19
Butter—Orange Co., pails ⅌ lb	26	@ 28
Butter—Orange County, firkins, ⅌ lb	20	@ 24
Butter—State, ⅌ lb	20	@ 23
Ohio and other Western States, ⅌ lb	12	@ 17
Lard—In bbls	12	@ 13
Lard—Kegs	12½	@ 13½
Cheese—State, ⅌ lb	9½	@ 10½
Eggs—Fresh, ⅌ doz	25	@ 30
Eggs—Limed, ⅌ doz	24	@ 25
Fowls—⅌ lb	8	@ 11½
Fowls—Western, ⅌ lb	6	@ 8
Fowls—Guinea, ⅌ pair	50	@ 62
Ducks—County, ⅌ lb	12	@ 14
Ducks—Domestic, ⅌ lb	11	@ 14
Dicks—Canvas-Back, ⅌ pair	1 75	@ 2 25
Ducks—Red-Heads, ⅌ pair	1 00	@ 1 50
Ducks—Broadbills, ⅌ pair	50	@ 62
Ducks—Widgeon	37	@ 62
Ducks—Black, ⅌ pair	37	@ 62
Turkeys—⅌ lb	10	@ 15
Turkeys—Western, ⅌ lb	9	@ 11
Turkeys—Wild, each	2 00	@ 4 00
Geese—⅌ lb	9	@ 11
Pigeons—Tame Squabs, ⅌ doz	1 50	@ 1 75
Partridges—⅌ pair	62	@ 75
Prairie Hens—⅌ pair	62	@ 75
Quail—⅌ dozen	1 25	@ 1 50
Rabbits—⅌ pair	31	@ —
Hares—⅌ pair	44	@ 50
Venison—Carcass, ⅌ lb	8	@ 10
Venison—Saddle, ⅌ lb	12	@ 14
Beef Steak—⅌ lb	18	@ 31
Roasting Pigs—Each	3 00	@ 4 00

Markets, Correctly Reported for the N. Y. Daily Times:

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Jan. 7—6 P. M.

ASHES—Are salable and steady. Pearls, $7 87½@$8; Pots, $7 75@$7 87½ ⅌ 100 lbs.; Saleratus, 8c. ⅌ lb.

BREAD—Navy, 3¼c.@3½c.; Pilot, 5c.; Crackers, 5½c. @6c ⅌ lb.

BARILLA—Teneriffe, $22@$25 ⅌ ton.

BARK—Quercitron, No. 1, at Philadelphia, $35 ⅌ ton.

BEESWAX—American yellow, 27½c.@28½c. ⅌ lb.

BOOTS AND SHOES—The supply is quite moderate for the season, while the demand is improving, and prices are generally very firm. Men's Kip and Thick Boots, $1 30@$3 62½; Boys' Kip and Thick Boots, $1 41½@$1 87½; Youths' Kip and Thick Boots, $1 47½@$1 62½; Men's Kip and Thick Brogans, 90c.@$1 31½; Boys' Kip and Thick Brogans, 75c.@$1 12½; Youths' Kip and Thick Brogans, 55c.@$1 00; Women's Calf, Kip, Split and Grain Leather Boots, 56c.@$1 15; Misses' Calf, Kip, Sout and Grain Leather Boots, 75c.@90c.; Children's Calf, Kip, Split and Grain Leather Boots, 45c.@60c.; Ladies' Eastern Gaiters and Fancy Jenny Linds, 90c.@$1 12½; Misses' Eastern Gaiters and Fancy Jenny Linds, 12½c.@65c.; Children's Eastern Gaiters and Fancy Jenny Linds, 45c.@62½c.; Ladies' City made Gaiters and Fine Kid Boots, $1 37½@$1 87½; Misses' City made Gaiters and Fine Kid Boots, 75c.@$1 06½; Children's City made Gaiters and Fine Kid Boots, 50c.@62½c.

BRICKS—Are moderately inquired for at unchanged figures. North River Hard, in lots to suit buyers, $4 25@$4 50; Callsburg, $7@$9 50; Philadelphia face, $18@$20; Bath, $25@$30; Welsh, fire, $37 50@$35; Stourbridge do., $40@$45; Matt Tiles; $35@$40 ⅌ M.

CANDLES—Appear in fair request at our quotations. Patent Sperm, 50c.; plain do., 40c.; Stearic 31c.@32c.; Adamantine, 24½c.@27c.; and Mould Tallow, 12½c.@16c. ⅌ lb.

COAL—The demand is somewhat brisker, and prices are generally a shade firmer. Liverpool Cannel, $16@$18 25; Liverpool Orrel, $7 50; Pictou, &c., $5 50@$5 75 ⅌ chaldron; Anthracite, $5@$5 50 ⅌ ton of 2,000 lbs.

COFFEE—The inquiry is spiritless; prices, however, are unaltered. Java, 14c.@14½c.; Laguayra, 11½c.@12c.; Maracaibo, 11½c.@11¾c.; Rio, 9c.@11½c., and St. Domingo at 10½c. ⅌ lb. Mr. Wm. Scorr, broker, reports the stock in first hands, here, yesterday, thus:—Stock of Rio, 6th Jan., 1857, bags 11,519; Java, mats, 9,500; Java, Gov., bags, 3,500; Ceylon (Mocha,) bags, 8,000; Maracaibo, 1,600; Laguayra, 1,050; Rabie, 5,500; Total, bags and mats, 91,669.

COPPER—The demand is not very brisk; prices, however, are well supported. New sheathing, 32c. Old do., 25c.@26½c.; Yellow do., 26c.; American Ingots, 29½c.@30c.; Chili Pig, nominal; Bolts, 32c.; and Brazier's 33c. ⅌ lb.

COTTON—The demand is good, and prices still tend upwards. Messrs. NEULL, BAGG & Co. sum up the week's business, thus: "This market has been moderately active during the past week, with sales of about 11,000 bales, at still higher prices—the stock offering, is small and holders looking for news of advancing prices at Liverpool are indifferent about selling. The week's receipts at all ports amount to 144,000 bales, against 197,000 last year. The week's exports amount to 50,000 bales, against 66,000 bales same week last year."

	Week's Receipts.	Since Sept. 1.	Stocks.
New-Orleans, bales	75,000	780,000	329,000
Mobile, bales	27,000	247,000	168,000
Other Ports, bales	32,000	441,000	207,000
Total, bales	144,000	1,468,000	714,000
1855-56, bales	187,000	1,526,000	640,000
1854-55, bales	59,000	913,000	360,000
1853-54, bales	67,000	929,000	495,000
1852-53, bales	135,000	1,493,000	506,000

EXPORTS SINCE 1ST SEPTEMBER.

	To Gt. Britain.	To France.	To other F. P.
New Orleans...bales	176,000	104,000	79,000
Mobile	18,000	15,000	1,000
Other ports	106,000	19,000	12,000
Total	300,000	138,000	92,000
1855-56	300,000	177,000	124,000
1854-55	411,000	96,000	49,000
1853-54	267,000	75,000	63,000
1852-53	565,000	98,000	80,000

It is thus apparent that, as compared with last year, there is at present a decrease of receipts of 55,000 bales; a decrease of exports to foreign ports of 30,000 bales, of which 200,000 to Great Britain, and an increase of stock of 14,000 bales. The comparison which the table presents with former years is also worthy of note.

The following table represents the closing quotations:

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION.

	Upland.	Florida.	Mobile	New-Orleans and Texas
Ordinary	11¼	11¼	11¼	11¼
Middling	12¼	12¾	12¾	12¾
Middling Fair	13¾	13¾	14¼	14¼
Fair	14	14½	14¾	14¾

DRY GOODS—The trade is still in abeyance. Factors generally have well-assorted stocks available—in anticipation of a demand, which the comparatively high prices most likely to obtain this season cannot seriously affect. Pending the revival of this, the current movements are not sufficiently interesting to require special notice.

FEATHERS—Prime Live Geese, 55c.@65c. ⅌ lb.

FISH—Dry Cod remain in very moderate supply and demand, at $3 50@$4 25 ⅌ cwt. Pickled Cod, $4@$4 50 ⅌ bbl. Mackerel are quiet yet steady at $19@$20 for large No. 1; $16 75@$18 25 for small do.; $16@$16 50 for large No. 2; $13 for small and medium do.; $12@$12 50 for large No. 3; and $9 50@$9 75 for small and medium do. ⅌ bbl. Pickled Salmon, $20@$22 ⅌ tc.; and $23 50 ⅌ bbl. and at $10 50 for Connecticut No. 1, and $9 50 for do. No. 2 ⅌ half bbl. Pickled Herring bring, in lots, $4 25@$5 ⅌ bbl. Smoked Herring are plenty and heavy at 25c. for Scaled, and 20c. for No. 1 ⅌ box.

FLAX—Jersey, 8c.@11c. ⅌ lb.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour attracts less attention both from home dealers and from shippers. Prices of nearly all kinds are heavy and languid. The sales reported since our last con

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FRUIT—Holders evince more confidence, but the demand is limited, and no general improvement can be reported. Prime Messina Lemons, $6 50 ⅌ box; Bunch do., $3 50, ⅌ whole box; Prime Malaga Grapes, $7 for small packages; medium Raisins, $7 50@$8 50 ⅌ cask; Sardines, 16c.@26c. ⅌ box; prime Zante Currants, 20c.@21c.; Leghorn Citron, 19c.@19½c.; Shelled Almonds, 32½c. @36c.; Hard-shell Almonds, 19½c.@20c.; Soft-shell Almonds, 19½c.@17½c.; Figs, 4c.@18c.; Prunes, 9c. @18c., Filberts, 13½c.; Walnuts, 8c.; Brazil Nuts, 7½c., ⅌ lb.; Peanuts, $1 87½@$1 50 ⅌ bushel.

FURS—Dealers anticipate a more satisfactory supply this season, hence they are not disposed to purchase with much freedom, and prices are still somewhat irregular.

GRAIN—Wheat is not very active, yet prices are maintained. The sales reported since our last consist of about 25,000 bushels, including good to prime Canadian White at $1 28@$1 29; handsome Jersey Red at $1 30, and inferior to fair ordinary Southern White at $1 27@$1 30 ⅌ bushel. The range for all kinds is from $1 27@$1 30 for White, and $1 25@$1 30 for Red, ⅌ bushel. Rye is scarce and needed at 90c. @ 92c. for fair to choice, ⅌ bu. Oats are salable and firm at 49c.@51c. for Ohio and Lake; 46½c.@48½c. for State; 43c.@46c. for Jersey; and 46c.@46c. for Southern, ⅌ bushel. Barley is in limited demand, and is nominally quoted at $1@$1 30 for inferior to choice, ⅌ bushel. Barley Malt commands $1 35@$1 42½ ⅌ bushel. Corn is in good moderate request, but at drooping prices. There were sales reported to-day of about 45,000 bushels, at 66c.@66c. for unsound; 67c.@69c. for mixed, in store and delivered; 67c.@70c. for new southern Yellow; 68c.@70c. for new Southern White, and 71c.@75c. for old Northern and Southern Yellow and White, ⅌ bushel. White Beans, $2; Canadian Peas, $1@$1 05 ⅌ bushel, and Black-eyed Peas at $4 ⅌ 2 bushels.

HAY—Sales were made of 850 bales River at 95c.@ $1 for shipment; and $1 06½@$1 12½ for local use, ⅌ 100 lbs.

HEMP—Is quiet, and, though in limited supply, buyers generally have any existing advantage. We quote undressed American, $210@$215; Dressed do., $240@$260, ⅌ ton. Jute, $122 50@$125; Clean Russian, $275; Italian, $275, ⅌ ton. Manila, 9c.; Sunn, 5½c.@5¾c., ⅌ lb.

HIDES—Remain in good request, and are very firm in price. Prime Buenos Ayres command 32½c.@33c.; Rio Grande, 31c.@31½c.; Orinoco, 30c.; Dry Southern, 20c. Our available stock in first hands is now about 14,900, against 42,900 same date last year.

HOMINY—DREW & FRENCH'S kiln-dried, 2¾c.@ 3¼c. ⅌ lb.

HONEY—Cuba 75c., in bond; 93c.@95c., free, ⅌ gallon.

HOPS—New continue quiet, yet firm, at from 7c.@ 10c. ⅌ lb. Old rule dull and nominal, at 3c.@5c. ⅌ lb.

HORNS—Buenos Ayres Ox, $8@$9; Rio Grande do., $13@$14 50 ⅌ hundred.

INDIGO—Manila, common to prime, 85c.@$1 05; Madras, 75c.@95c.; Bengal $1@$1 40; Caracas 90c.@ 95c., and Guatemala, $1 10@$1 20 ⅌ lb.

IRON—The demand is rather tame; prices show no remarkable variation. Scotch Pig, $30@$31; English Bar, $55@$57 50 for common, and $60@$63 for refined; Swedish Bar, $105@$110; Pritsoe, T. V. F. Bar, $125, usual terms ⅌ ton; Sheet, 8½c.@9½c. for English, and 13c.@13½c. for first quality Russian, ⅌ lb.

LATHS—Eastern, $1 31½ ⅌ M.

LEAD—Is more inquired for at rising prices,—viz: at $6@$6 06½ for Foreign, and $6 75 for Galena, ⅌ 100 lbs. Bar, 6½c. ⅌ lb. Sheet and Pipe, 6½c.@7c. ⅌ lb. LAMBERTON & Co., of St. Louis, in their trade circular for January 1st, report last year's receipts of Lead at that place, as 210,234 pigs, against 218,146 pigs in 1855. Stock on hand for the season, and prices firm at $6 25@$6 35 ⅌ 100 lbs.

LEATHER—Domestic tanned sole is actively sought after at steadily improving rates. We quote Oak Slaughter, light weights, 36c.@38c.; Middle, 36c.@ 39c.; Heavy, (not bending,) 32c.@36c.; Dry Hide, 32c. @35c.; Ohio, 33c.@35c.; Southern Light, 30c.@35c.; B. A. Wet Salted, 35c.@37c.; Hemlock, light weights, Rio Grande and Buenos Ayres, 31½c.@32c.; Middle do. do., 31½c.@32c.; Orinoco, 30½c.@31c.; Middle do., do., 30½c.@31c.; Heavy Rio Grande and Buenos Ayres, 29c.@30c.; Heavy Orinoco, &c., 28c.@28½c.; Good Damaged, 27c.@28c.; Poor Damaged, 20c.@21c.; Hemlock, upper in rough, slaughter, 50c.@62c. ⅌ lb. French finished Calf Skins, and English salted Sheep Skins are in moderate demand at old quotations.

LIME—Rockland rules scarce and quiet at steady prices—90c. for Common, and $1 20 for Lump, ⅌ bbl.

LUMBER—The demand is firm; prices are quoted very firm, with, if anything, an upward tenor.

MACARONI—DREW & FRENCH'S, 11c.@12½c. ⅌ lb.

MOLASSES—The supply and demand continue limited at unchanged figures. New-Orleans, 30c.; Porto Rico, 37½c.@39½c.; Cuba Muscovado, 44c.@ 50c.; and Clayed Cuba, 36c.@40c. for sour and sweet, ⅌ gallon.

NAILS—Are moderately inquired for at pretty firm prices. Cut, still 3¾c.; Wrought, 6¾c.@9¾c.; Wrought Horse-shoe, 11c. ⅌ lb.

NAVAL STORES—Crude Turpentine continues in light supply, and is firmly held at from $3 75c.@$4 ⅌ 280 lbs. Demand tame. Spirits do. is less abundant and is in better request, mostly at 50c. ⅌ gallon. Tar appears in limited demand, though it can be had at $1 75@$2 25 ⅌ bbl. Resin is salable and steady at $1 60 for common, ⅌ 310 lbs.; and $2@$6 for No. 1 and White, ⅌ 280 lbs. Pitch remains inactive and infirm, at $1 87½@$2 25 ⅌ bbl.

OIL-CAKE—Fifty thin, oblong, $35; Country thin, nominal; Country thick, nominal, ⅌ ton.

OILS—Crude is still offered and purchased sparingly at 78c.@81c. for Whale, and $1 30c. for Sperm, ⅌ gallon. Refined is worth 80c.@91c. for Whale, and $1 60 for Sperm, ⅌ gallon, but it is very dull thereat. Red Oil, 62½c.@65c. ⅌ gallon. Palm, 9½c.@10c. ⅌ lb. Olive Oil continues in fair demand at steady rates: $1 20@$1 25 ⅌ gallon, and $3 37½@$3 50 ⅌ basket. Linseed rules quiet yet firm at about 80c.@83c. for lots from store, ⅌ gallon. Lard Oil is selling freely at 97½c.@$1 07½ ⅌ gallon.

Statement of receipts of the whale-fishery of the United States, during each of the last twelve years:

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SPECIAL.

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AUCTION SALES.

Adrian H. Muller & Son, Auctioneers.

WILL BE SOLD, THIS DAY, JAN. 3, AT 10½ o'clock, at the Exchange, [illegible]

$6,000 New-York and Harlem Railroad 1st Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds.
$10,000 Chicago and Mississippi R. R. 2d Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds.
$10,000 Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad 7 per cent. Bonds.
$10,000 Ohio, Indiana, Wabash, and St. Louis Railroad 2d Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds.
$20,000 Cincinnati, Wilmington, and Zanesville Railroad 6 per cent. Income Bonds.
$5,000 Lackawanna and Western Railroad 1st Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds.
$10,000 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad 2d Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds.
$1,000 Mercantile Mutual Insurance Scrip of 1852.
$500 Mercantile Mutual Insurance Scrip of 1853.
200 shares Brooklyn City Railroad Co. ..... $19 each
40 shares New-Haven and New-London R. R. ..... $100 each
50 shares Great Western Railroad Co. ..... $100 each
24 shares Citizens' Gas Light Co. ..... $100 each
10 shares United States Express Co. ..... $100 each
10 shares Relief Fire Insurance Co. ..... $25 each
[illegible] shares Bank of Commerce ..... $100 each
20 shares Bull's Head Bank ..... $25 each
20 shares Bank of State of New-York ..... $100 each

Sale to take place, to-day, and the balance to-day, at 7 o'clock, P. M. The accrued interest on all the bonds will be charged to the purchaser. Next regular sale on MONDAY, Jan. 12.

ALBERT H. NICOUAY,
Auctioneer and Banker, No. 4 Broad-st.

Samuel Osgood, Auctioneer.

CONTINUATION SALE BY ORDER OF SUPREME COURT.—The extensive sale of house furnishing goods, &c., which commenced yesterday at the store of Hobart Davis, Nos. 342 and 344 Bowery, corner Houston-st., will be continued THIS DAY (Thursday) and TO-MORROW (Friday), each day at 10½ o'clock A. M. To-day's sale will include cutlery, splendid plated ware, Japan goods, China vases, printing [illegible] Also, invoice of rich China ornaments, silk furniture, plate-glass, &c. &c. First sale this year, by catalogue.

SAMUEL OSGOOD & CO., No. 81 Nassau-st.

Thos. Morrell, Auctioneer.

STOCK OF A JEWELER DECLINING BUSINESS.—Will be sold, at No. 79 Nassau-st., THIS MORNING, at 10½, by TUNIS MORELL, including gold and silver watches, gentlemen's and ladies' ornaments, silver-plated goods, fancy goods, (see Catalogue of 130 lots;) also, an invoice of fur-lined robes, capes, victorines and muffs; also, invoice of rich China ornaments, silk furniture, plate-glass, &c. &c. First sale this year, by catalogue.

Gilbert S. Savage, Auctioneer.

DIBBLEE, BAGLEY & SAVAGE WILL sell, at their salesroom, No. 63 Cedar-st., on THURSDAY, Jan. 8, at 10½ A. M., dry goods, fancy goods, (fancy soaps, ladies' and children's made-up furs, ladies' cloaks, men's furnishing goods, hosiery, buffalo and seal overcoats; an invoice of imported steamer bath and ruled letter paper and envelope paper, trading the attention of stationers and the trade; made-up carpets and clothing; will be sold in lots to suit City and country dealers. Liberal cash advances made upon consignments.

Joseph Hyneman, Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, JAN. 9, AT THE CENTRAL salesroom, Willoughby, corner Pearl-st., Brooklyn, at 10½ o'clock A. M., MISCELLANEOUS SALE.—A small quantity of boots and shoes, gaiters, &c., the balance of a dealer's stock. Also a small lot of groceries, six chests green tea, four chests black tea, with other groceries. Also a small quantity of furniture and oil-paintings, &c.

GREAT SALE OF COAL LANDS IN WYOMING VALLEY, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENN.—The North Pennsylvania Coal Company will sell on THURSDAY, Jan. 22, 1857, at public auction on the premises, to the highest bidder, without reserve or limitation, four tracts of unsurveyed Coal Land. Said lands are situated 2½ miles North of Wilkes-Barre, in the heart of the Wyoming Coal Field; and contain together about 266 acres, as follows: Wagner Tract, (No. 1,) 37 acres, 138 perches; Wagner Tract, (No. 2,) 166 acres, 103 1-6 perches; Apple Tract, 62 acres, 12 1-6 perches; Carey Tract, 66 acres, 36½ perches. These Tracts adjoin each other, and are crossed in part by the North Branch Canal, just completed to the New-York State line—by the Plank Road from Wilkes-Barre to Pittston, and by the route of a contemplated Railroad from Nanticoke to Pittston, connecting at that point with the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg Railroad. Coal is opened and being mined on all sides of them, and for farming purposes they are unsurpassed. Sale to commence on the premises at 10 o'clock, A. M., Jan. 22, 1857. For further particulars, address JOHN D. TAYLOR, No. 9 South Water-st., Philadelphia, or STANLEY WOODWARD, Wilkes-Barre, Penn.—Dec. 17, 1856.

RAILROADS.

GREAT AMERICAN ROUTE.
MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILROAD TO CHICAGO, St. Louis, Rock Island, St. Paul's, Milwaukee, and all places West and Southwest, via New-York and Erie, New-York Central, American Lake Shore Railroads, to Toledo, forming the shortest, quickest and pleasantest route to the Great West. For through tickets and rates of freight, apply at the Company's Office, No. 126 Broadway, corner of Dey-st., New-York. JOHN E. PORTER, Agent.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.—On and after Monday, Dec. 29, 1856, and until further notice, Passenger Trains will leave Pier foot of Duane-st., as follows, viz.: Buffalo Express, at 6:30 A. M., for Buffalo. Dunkirk Express, at 6:30 A. M., for Dunkirk. Mail, at 8:15 A. M., for Dunkirk and Buffalo, and intermediate stations. Passengers by this train remain over night at Owego, and proceed the next morning. Chicago Express, at 12 M., for Dunkirk. Rockland Passenger, at 4 P. M., and Suffern for Piermont and intermediate stations. Newburg Express at 4 P. M., for Newburg and Otisville and intermediate stations. Night Express, at 4:30 P. M., for Dunkirk and Buffalo. Emigrant, at 5 P. M., for Dunkirk and Buffalo, and intermediate stations.

The above Trains run Daily, Sundays excepted. These Express Trains connect at Elmira with the Elmira, Canandaigua and Niagara Falls Railroad, for Niagara Falls; at Binghamton, with the Syracuse and Binghamton Railroad, for Syracuse; at Corning, with Buffalo, Corning and New-York Railroad, for Rochester; at Great Bend, with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, for Scranton; at Buffalo and Dunkirk, with the Lake Shore Railroad, for Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, &c.

D. C. McCALLUM, General Superintendent.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD—CHANGE OF TIME.—Commencing Monday, Jan. 5, 1857.—Three daily trains to Albany, Sundays excepted. Fare $1 50 from New-York to Albany. Leave New-York as follows, from station corner of White and Centre-sts.:

6 o'clock A. M. Express train for Albany, connecting with the Central Railroad and Northern trains.

8:10 A. M. Mail train, running directly through without change of cars, and connecting at Chatham Four Corners with the Western trains for Pittsfield, North Adams, and other stations.

4 P. M. Express, running directly through without change of cars, and connecting with Central train at 11 P. M. for the West.

RETURNING, LEAVE ALBANY.

8:15 A. M. Mail train for New-York direct.
10:45 A. M. Express, without change of cars.
5 P. M. Express, without change of cars.

Tickets to be obtained, and baggage checked, at the office of the Western Railroad, Albany, or at White and Centre, Broome, or 26th-st. and 4th-av., New-York.

WM. J. CAMPBELL, Superintendent.

NEW-YORK TO RUTLAND, BURLINGTON, PLATTSBURG, ROUSE'S POINT AND MONTREAL, SAME DAY.—Leave New-York and Hudson River Railroad at 6:30 A. M.; leave Troy by Troy and Boston Railroad at 11:50 A. M.; arrive at Rutland at 5:50, Burlington 8:15, Plattsburg 7:15, Rouse's Point 8 P. M., Montreal 10:30 P. M., and Ogdensburg next morning. Leave New-York at 11½ A. M.; (Nov. 3 this goes into effect;) leave Troy by Troy and Boston Railroad at 5:45; arrive at Rutland 9:15 P. M., lodge; leave at 6 A. M.; arrive at Ogdensburg and Montreal same afternoon. Leave New-York at 4:45 P. M., lodge at Troy; leave at 8:30 A. M., for all points north and east of Rutland.

ISAAC V. BAKER,
Superintendent of Troy and Boston Railroad.
MAY 5, 1856.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Connecting at New-Hampton with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, to Scranton, Great Bend, the North and West, and at Boston with the Lehigh Valley Railroad, to Mauch Chunk.

WINTER ARRANGEMENTS.—Commencing Jan. 1, 1857.—Leave New-York for Boston and intermediate places from Pier No. 2 North River, at 8:30 A. M., and 3:10 P. M.; for Somerville, at 7:30 and 11 A. M., 3:10 and 4:30 P. M. The down trains connect at Elizabeth with trains on the New-Jersey Railroad, which leave New-York from foot of Cortlandt-st. at 7:30 and 11 A. M., 3:30 and 4 P. M.

JOHN O. STERNS, Superintendent.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD.—FOR PHILADELPHIA AND THE SOUTH, AND WEST, via JERSEY CITY.—Mail and Express Line. Leave New-York at 8 and 11 A. M. and 4 and 6 P. M., at 12 M., 40 M.; stopping at all way stations. 11 and 4 go to Kensington. Through tickets sold for Cincinnati ($17 and $18 50) and the West, and for Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk, &c., and through baggage checked to Washington at 8 A. M. and 6 P. M.

J. W. WOODRUFF, Assistant Superintendent.

No baggage will be received for any trains unless delivered and checked 15 minutes in advance of the time of leaving.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—FROM DEC. 29, 1856, the trains will leave Chambers-st. Station as follows: Express Train, 6:30 A. M. and 4:45 P. M.; Mail, 11:15 A. M.; Emigrant, 6:45 P. M.; For Poughkeepsie, 8 and 11 A. M., and 12:30 and 4:30 P. M.; For Sing Sing, 6 A. M. and 4 P. M.; For Peekskill, 5:30 P. M. The Poughkeepsie, Sing Sing and Peekskill trains stop at the Way Stations. Passengers taken at Chambers, Canal, Christopher and 42d-sts. Trains for New-York leave Troy at 5:45 and 10:25 A. M., and 4:45 P. M.; and East Albany at 6:35 and 10:45 A. M., and 5:20 P. M.

A. F. SMITH, Superintendent.

LAND ROUTE—NEW-YORK TO PROVIDENCE, &c.—On and after Dec. 1, 1856, Express Trains of the Providence, Hartford and Fishkill Railroad will leave Hartford on the arrival there of the Express Trains of the New-York and New-Haven, and New-Haven, Hartford, and Springfield Railroads, which leave New-York at 8 A. M. and 3 P. M., respectively.

S. ASHBURNER,
Chief Eng'r. and Supt. H., P. and F. R. R.

FLUSHING RAILROAD LEAVES FULTON Market Wharf, by steamer ISLAND CITY, at 6:45, 8 and 10 A. M., 1, 3:45, and 5 P. M. Returns leave Flushing (L. I.) at the same hours, meeting and exchanging passengers with the boat at Hunter's Point. Through in 40 minutes. Fare 25 cents. WM. M. SMITH, Sup't.

P. K. DEVO'S PROMPT AND RELIABLE ADVERTISING AGENCY,
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Refer to Messrs. RAYMOND, WESLEY & Co.

BONNET COMB.—A NEW AND VERY DESIRABLE Patented (India) Rubber Comb, for the purpose of holding the bonnet in its place when on the head, which is much approved by the ladies, just received by D. M. KNIGHT & CO., No. 26 Vesey-st., New-York.

EXTRA AND CHOICE MEATS.—CONSISTING of Beef, Mutton, Lamb and Veal, in cuts to suit purchasers, by THOMAS F. DEVOE, Nos. 1 and 3 Jefferson Market, from animals selected.

FOR EUROPE.

THE NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS.—The ships comprising this line are:

The ATLANTIC, Capt. Comstock.
The BALTIC, Capt. Lewis Cottenger.
The ARABIA, Capt. Alexander Ryrie.

These ships having been built to meet the requirements of Government service, every care has been taken in their construction, so also in their engines, to insure strength and speed; and their accommodations for passengers are unequalled for elegance and comfort.

Price of passage from New-York to Liverpool, in first cabin, $100; in second do., $75; including use of extra size state rooms. From Liverpool to New-York, $80 and $60 gold. An experienced Surgeon attached to each ship. No berths can be secured until paid for. The ships of this line have improved water-tight bulk heads, and to avoid danger from ice we will not cross the Banks north of 42 degrees, until after the 1st of April.

PROPOSED DATES OF SAILING.

FROM NEW-YORK:		FROM LIVERPOOL:	
Saturday, Jan. 3	1857	Wednesday, Jan. 7	1857
Saturday, Jan. 17	1857	Wednesday, Jan. 21	1857
Saturday, Jan. 31	1857	Wednesday, Feb. 4	1857
Saturday, Feb. 14	1857	Wednesday, Feb. 18	1857
Saturday, March 14	1857	Wednesday, March 18	1857
Saturday, April 11	1857	Wednesday, April 15	1857
Saturday, May 9	1857	Wednesday, May 13	1857
Saturday, May 23	1857	Wednesday, May 27	1857
Saturday, June 6	1857	Wednesday, June 10	1857
Saturday, June 20	1857	Wednesday, June 24	1857
Saturday, July 4	1857	Wednesday, July 8	1857
Saturday, July 18	1857	Wednesday, July 22	1857

For freight or passage, apply to

EDWARD K. COLLINS, No. 56 Wall-st., New-York.
BROWN, SHIPLEY & CO., Liverpool.
STEPHEN ROGERS & CO., No. 29 Austin Friars, London.
R. G. WAINWRIGHT & CO., Paris.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for gold, silver, bullion, specie, jewelry, precious stones or metals, unless bills of lading are signed therefor, and the value thereof expressed therein.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.

From New-York to Liverpool, (Call at Cork Harbor,) Second Cabin Passage, $70. Steerage Passage, $30. Liverpool or Cork to Boston, $80. Steerage, $30. Cabin Passage, $60. The ships from Boston call at Halifax.

PERSIA, Capt. Judkins. CANADA, Capt. Lang.
ARABIA, Capt. J. Stone. AMERICA, Capt. Wickman.
ASIA, Capt. E. G. Lott. NIAGARA, Capt. Byrne.
AFRICA, Capt. Shannon. EUROPA, Capt. J. Leitch.

These vessels carry a clear white light at mast-head, green on starboard, and red on port bow.

EUROPA, Leitch, leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 7.
NIAGARA, Wickman, leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 14.
ASIA, Lott, leaves New-York.....Wednesday, Jan. 21.
ARABIA, Stone, leaves Boston.....Wednesday, Jan. 28.
PERSIA, Judkins, leaves New-York.....Saturday, Feb. 7.
AMERICA, Lang, leaves Boston.....Wednesday, Feb. 11.
AFRICA, Shannon, leaves New-York.....Wed'sday, Feb. 18.
NIAGARA, Wickman, leaves Boston.....Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Berths not secured until paid for. An experienced Surgeon on board.

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E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

STEAM BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.

EDINBURG, 1,500 tons, Wm. Cummings, Commander.
GLASGOW, 1,826 tons, Benjamin Crane, Commander.
GLASGOW, 1,982 tons, John Duncan, Commander.

The Glasgow and New-York Steamship Company intend sailing their new and powerful steamers from New-York for Glasgow direct, as under:

EDINBURG.....Saturday, 10th January, at 12 o'clock M.
GLASGOW.....Saturday, 31st January, at 12 o'clock M.
NEW-YORK...Saturday, 14th February, at 12 o'clock M.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

First-class, $75; third-class, found with cooked provisions, $30.

An experienced Surgeon attached to each steamer.

For freight or passage, apply to J. McGYMON, No. 17 Broadway.

New-York City bills or gold only received for passage.

FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND HAVRE.—THE United States Mail Steamer ARAGO, D. Lines, Commander, will leave for Havre, touching at Southampton to land the mails and passengers, on SATURDAY, Feb. 14, at 12 o'clock, from Pier No. 47 North River, foot of Beach-st. Prices of passage: First cabin, $130; second cabin, $75. This ship has five water-tight compartments, inclosing the engines, so that in the event of collision or stranding the water could not reach them, and the pumps being free to work, the safety of the vessel and passengers would be secured. Baggage wanted during the voyage should be sent on board the day before sailing, marked "Below." For freight or passage apply to

MORTIMER LIVINGSTON, Agent, No. 62 Broadway.

FOR ANTWERP VIA SOUTHAMPTON.—The new iron screw steamship CONSTITUTION, Captain E. Pouzin, will leave for Antwerp, calling at Southampton, on TUESDAY, Jan. 20, from Pier No. 44 North River.

RATE OF PASSAGE.

In First Cabin.....$75
In Second Cabin.....50
In Steerage.....30

No freight taken after Saturday, Jan. 17, and no bills of lading signed, or parcels received on the day of sailing.

For freight or passage, having superior accommodations for Cabin and Steerage passengers, apply to

AUGUST BELMONT, No. 7 Hanover-st.

NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL U. S. MAIL steamship ERICSSON, Capt. Lowndes, will depart with the U. S. mails for Europe positively on SATURDAY, Jan. 17, at 12 o'clock M., from her berth at the foot of Canal-st. The ATLANTIC will succeed the ERICSSON, and sail Jan. 31. The steamers of this line have improved water-tight bulkheads. For freight or passage, having accommodations unequaled for elegance or comfort, apply to EDWARD K. COLLINS, No. 56 Wall-st.

Passengers are requested to be on board at 11 o'clock A. M. All letters must pass through the Post-Office. Any others will be returned.

FOR THE SOUTH.

FOR CALIFORNIA.—NEW-YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO STEAMSHIP LINE, VIA NICARAGUA—SHORTEST ROUTE BY 700 MILES.—Prices Greatly Reduced—Steerage Passage, $25.—The new docks at Virgin Bay and at San Juan del Sur, are now completed. The steamers will hereafter receive passengers and freight at the wharves, thus avoiding all exposure in small boats. The new and splendid steamship TENNESSEE, Capt. P. L. Tinkelpaugh, (1,800 tons burden,) will sail for San Juan de Nicaragua, on THURSDAY, Jan. 22, 1857, at 3 o'clock P. M., to connect with the steamer ORIZABA, from San Juan del Sur, on the Pacific for San Francisco. Passengers will find this the healthiest and cheapest route. 50 pounds baggage allowed each passenger. 10 cents per pound on excess.

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK.

To San Francisco, including Isthmus transit.		To San Juan del Norte.	
First Cabin.....	$175	First Cabin.....	$75
Second Cabin.....	125	Second Cabin.....	50
Steerage.....	75	Steerage.....	25

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CHARLES MORGAN & SONS,
No. 2 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR NORFOLK, PETERSBURG AND RICHMOND.—The United States Mail steamship ROANOKE, Capt. Skinner, will leave pier No. 12, N. R., on SATURDAY, Jan. 10, at 3 o'clock, taking freight and passengers for all of the above places. She will arrive in Norfolk on Sunday evening, from whence passengers for the South can proceed by the coastal mail line, or they can go through to City Point, or Richmond, by the steamer. Passage—Fare, with stateroom, to Norfolk, $5; to Petersburg and Richmond, $10. Steerage, half-price. Apply on board, or to

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FRANCIS & LOUTREL, No. 77 Maiden-lane, solicit orders from new and old firms. Books made to pattern. Engraving and printing executed in best style; writing papers, copying presses, manifold letter writers. Diaries for 1857, fine stationery articles for presents, &c., &c.

BOWNE & HASBROUCK, STATIONERS' Hall, Nos. 191 and 193 Pearl-st., New-York, importers and Manufacturers offer for sale, at low cash prices, every variety of account books, papers, fancy and staple stationery, writing papers, notes, drafts, money and shipping receipts, bill heads, memorandum and time books, pens, pencils, slates, penknives, chess and backgammon boards, &c., and all articles usually kept by the trade. JOB PRINTING and LITHOGRAPHY executed at low rates, cards, circulars, &c. Country merchants invited to call.

1857.—BLANK BOOKS, STATIONERY, DIARIES, &c.—A large stock of all kinds of paper, blank books and stationery articles, at low prices. Account books made to order, printed heads, paged, &c. Diaries of all sizes for 1857; some convenient styles for gifts.

RICH & LOUTREL,
Stationers and Blank Book Manufacturers,
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"A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING."—THIS good old motto finds a medium for most useful exercise in the PATENT ADHESIVE LETTER AND INVOICE FILE manufactured by R. T. YOUNG, No. 100 Nassau-st., and for sale by stationers generally, and now the new year is commencing, let every business man be up to the times, and commence this excellent method of preserving all papers of value, so as to find them in a moment. Price for those capable of containing 250 letters, or 500 bills, $1 each. Discounts made on purchase of half a dozen or more.

CITY BANKS.—CHECK BOOKS ON ALL THE City Banks for sale by JOHN J. BLOOMFIELD, Stationer and Account Book Manufacturer, No. 75 Chatham-st., (Shoe and Leather Bank Buildings.)

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FOR ALL KINDS OF HOISTING, including SUGAR HOUSES, MINES, INCLINED PLANES, &c. Also, for STANDING RIGGING, for vessels of every description, and SASH WEIGHTS FOR WINDOWS. ASHCROFT'S STEAM GAUGES, DUDGEON'S HYDRAULIC JACKS, ALLEN & HOYLE'S METALLIC PACKING, &c., for STEAM VESSELS. ENGINES, BOILERS and MACHINERY bought and sold on commission. CHAS. W. COPELAND, Commission Engineer, No. 66 Broadway, New-York. Also, PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS prepared.

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DIVIDENDS.

Columbia Fire Insurance Company,
No. 29 Beekman-st., corner of College-place.
New-York, Dec. 31, 1856.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Columbia Fire Insurance Company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. on the capital stock, payable on and after the 15th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that date.

JOHN G. BERGH, Secretary.

The Columbia Fire Insurance Company continues to issue policies on Goods, Wares, Merchandise, Stores, Dwellings, &c., on liberal terms. Applications received at the Branch Office, No. 11 Merchants' Exchange, Wallst.

Mechanics' and Traders' Savings Institution,
No. 471 Grand-st., corner Willett-st.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—DEPOSITORS ARE hereby notified that a semi-annual dividend at the rate of six per cent. per annum on all sums of $500 and under, and five per cent. per annum on all sums over $500 that shall have been deposited three months previous to the 1st day of January next, will be paid to depositors on and after Monday, Jan. 19. Interest not called for will be placed to the credit of depositors as principal. Deposits made on or before the 7th January will draw interest from the 1st. The Bank is open for business on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 to 7 P. M.

ALFRED T. CONKLIN, President.
STEPHEN DEVINE, First Vice-President.
MOSES SMITH, Second Vice-President.
STEPHEN HAFF, Third Vice-President.
JAMES F. HAYES, Secretary.

WILLIAMSBURG SAVINGS BANK, CORNER of South 2d and 4th sts., Brooklyn, L. I.—DIVIDEND NOTICE.—Depositors are hereby notified that a semi-annual dividend at the rate of six per cent. per annum on all sums of three dollars and upwards, that shall have been deposited three months on the first day of January next, will be paid to depositors on or after Monday, Jan. 19. Interest not called for will be added to the credit of depositors as principal. Deposits made on or before the 10th day of January will draw interest from the 1st. The Bank is open for business daily (Sundays and Holidays excepted,) from 9 to 2 o'clock P. M.

GEORGE RICARD, NATHANIEL BRIGGS, } Vice-Presidents.
WILLIAM WALL, President.
SAMUEL W. TRUSLOW, Secretary.

Manhattan Savings Institution,
No. 64 Broadway, cor. Bleecker-st.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE TRUSTEES OF the Institution have ordered a dividend at the rate of six (6) per cent., and five (5) per cent. per annum to be paid on all deposits by the rules entitled thereto, payable on and after the 19th of January. All dividends not called for will draw interest the same as principal. By order

A. A. ALVORD, Secretary. E. J. BROWN, President.

OFFICE FANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 2 WALL-ST.—NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1856.—DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a dividend of six (6) per cent., on the capital stocked, the Company, out of the earnings of the road for 6 months, ending Dec. 31, payable on and after the first Tuesday in February, to the stockholders who were such at the closing of the books on the 31st of December last. AUGUSTUS HOFFMAN, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE METROPOLITAN IRELAND AND CARRIER EXPRESS CO. have this day declared a dividend of six per cent. upon their working capital out of the earnings of the last six months, payable on and after the 10th inst., at the office of the Company, No. 11 Pine-st. Transfer books closed. By order of the Board. L. P. CRANE, Secretary.

New-York, Jan. 1, 1857.

METROPOLITAN BANK.—DIVIDEND.—A Dividend of Four per cent. (4) has been declared out of the profits of the last six months, payable on the first Monday (5th) of January next, at the Banking House, No. 108 Broadway. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 23d inst. until that date. By order of the Board.

New-York, Dec. 20, 1856. H. MEIGS, Jr., Cashier.

New-York, Dec. 31, 1856.

IRVING BANK.—DIVIDEND.—A DIVIDEND OF four (4) per cent. out of the profits of the six months ending this day will be paid to the Stockholders of this Bank on and after the 10th day of January. The transfer book will be closed to that day. By order of the Board.

DANIEL V. H. BERTHOLF, Cashier.

THE DIRECTORS OF WELLS, FARGO & Co. have declared a dividend of five per cent. on their capital Stock ($600,000) out of the earnings previous to Jan. 1, payable on and after 15th inst., at their office, No. 82 Broadway. The transfer books will be closed from 12th to 16th inst. By order of the Board.

JAN. 7, 1857. T. M. JANES, Treasurer.

Office of the People's Fire Insurance Co.,
New-York, Dec. 26, 1856.

A DIVIDEND OF SIX (6) PER CENT. HAS BEEN declared, payable at the office of the Company, corner of Canal and Green-sts., on and after the 15th January next, until which time the transfer books are closed. By order of the Board, W. F. UNDERHILL, Sec'y.

Merchants' Exchange Bank in the City of New-York.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of this bank have declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on the capital stock, payable on and after the 10th day of January next. By order.

E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

DIVIDEND.—MERCHANTS' INSURANCE COMPANY.—New-York, Jan. 5, 1857.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. out of the earnings of the past 6 months, payable on and after the 10th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that date.

J. L. DOUGLASS, Secretary.

EXCELSIOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, Office No. 6 Broad-st.—New-York, Jan. 6, 1857.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of 10 per cent., payable on and after the 15th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that date. HENRY QUACKENBOSS, Secretary.

NEW-AMSTERDAM FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of six per cent. payable on and after the 7th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that date. WM. H. DUSENBERRY, Sec'y.

New-York, Friday, Jan. 2, 1857.

Williamsburg City Fire Insurance Company,
Jan. 2, 1857.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of six per cent., payable on and after the 7th inst. The transfer books will be closed until the 8th.

HUBERT GIROUX, Secretary.

PHENIX BANK—NEW-YORK, DEC. 31, 1856.—DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of four (4) per cent., payable to the stockholders on and after FRIDAY, Jan. 2, 1857. By order of the Board.

P. M. BRYSON, Cashier.

Office of the Eighth-Avenue Railroad Co.,
New-York, Jan. 2, 1857.

A QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF THREE per cent. on the Capital Stock of this Company will be paid to the Stockholders on demand.

D. PALMER, Treasurer.

Hanover Bank, New-York, Dec. 27, 1856.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of three and a half per cent. on the capital stock, payable on Wednesday, Jan. 7, ensuing. By order of the Board,

THOS. L. TAYLOR, Cashier.

THE MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 65 WALL-STREET—New-York, Dec. 22, 1856.—The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a dividend of six per cent. for the past six months payable on and after Jan. 2, 1857.

JOHN BAKER, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—No. 74 Wall-st., New-York, Jan. 2, 1857.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of seven per cent., payable on the 10th inst. The transfer book will be closed until that date. JAMES R. LOTT, Secretary.

New-York Equitable Insurance Company,
New-York, Jan. 5, 1857.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of fifteen per cent., payable to the Stockholders on and after Monday the 19th inst. JOHN MILLER, Secretary.

IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' BANK.—A Dividend of four per cent. will be paid to the stockholders on and after the 9th of January next, until which time the transfer books will be closed.

By order of the Board.

New-York, Dec. 31, 1856. G. R. CONOVER, Cashier.

Grocers' Bank, New-York, Dec. 27, 1856.

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT. ON the capital stock of this Bank will be paid to the stockholders on and after the 5th of January next. By order of the Board. SAML. B. WHITE, Cashier.

DIVIDEND.—THE PATERSON AND HUDSON Railroad Company have declared a dividend of four (4) per cent., in cash, payable to Stockholders on the 5th January, 1857, at the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company, New-York.

DIVIDEND.—THE PATERSON AND RAMAPO Railroad Company have declared a dividend of 3½ per cent., in cash, payable to Stockholders on Jan. 5, 1857, at the office of the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company, New-York.

MARKET BANK.—DIVIDEND.—A DIVIDEND of four (4) per cent. has been declared out of the profits of the last six months, payable on the 10th of January. By order of the Board.

R. H. HAYDOCK, Cashier.

Dec. 30, 1856.

DIVIDEND.—CONTINENTAL BANK, DEC. 30, 1856.—A Semi-annual Dividend of Four per cent. on the Capital Stock of this Bank, will be paid to the Stockholders on and after Monday, the 5th day of January next. E. F. WARNER, Cashier.

REMOVALS.

NOTICE.—DENNISTOUN, WOOD & CO. HAVE removed to Mechanics' Bank Buildings, No. 32 Wall-st., where they have Mercantile credits, available in all parts of the world, and to buy and sell Foreign Bills.

HEWITT & CO. HAVE REMOVED TO No. 30 Exchange-place.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

ENCAUSTIC TILES FOR VESTIBULES, Hearths, Halls, Dairies, Conservatories, &c. Garnish Chimney-tops, Gratings, &c., for sale by MILLER & COATES, No. 375 Pearl-st., New-York.

CHRISTOFLE & CO.'S CELEBRATED ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.
The depot of this celebrated ware, formerly situated at No. 401 Broadway, has been removed to No. 97 William-st. Always on hand, table and tea sets, tray, fork and spoons, &c. For sale by

HOURE & CO.,
No. 97 WILLIAM-ST.

FINANCIAL.

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BRIDGEPORT BANK, BRIDGEPORT, CONN., Dec. 1, 1856.—THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF THE BRIDGEPORT BANK have this day declared a dividend of Five Dollars per share, payable on demand, to the stockholders of record, on the 1st day of January, 1857.

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Bank Lexington, Gideon Lee, Walter Bierwagen,
Elias D. Morgan, Daniel S. Miller, R. F. Wheelwright,
Erastus Corning, Caleb C. Halsted, Edward Goldsmith,
James Gallagher, Thos. W. Pearsall, Thomas Slocomb,
Edward K. Collins, Thomas Slocum, Cornelius Bailey,
William Tucker, Thomas Stanton, Cornelius Bailey,
Royal Phelps, John J. Phelps, J. J. Astor, Jr.,
John J. Cisco, Wilson G. Hunt, R. H. Walworth,
Lewis Rossiter, D. H. Arnold, Daniel D. Lord,
James H. Reynolds, Charles E. Bill.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE, President.

John A. Stewart, Secretary.

REMITTANCES TO ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES.
We are now selling bills on the
UNION BANK OF LONDON,
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In sums from £1 upwards, at £5 per £.
Address
TAYLOR, BROTHERS, Bankers,
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ISSUE MERCANTILE AND TRAVELING LETTERS OF CREDIT,
Available in any part of the world.

J. T. VANDERBIGOF,
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No. 17 William-st.
Loans negotiated.

LOAN FOR $1,000,000—FOR THE ENLARGEMENT of the Erie, the Oswego, the Cayuga and Seneca Canals, and for the completion of the Black Rivers Canal, Genesee Valley Canal, and the other navigable Canals.

The Commissioners of the Canal Fund, by virtue of an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the Canal Debt and the maintenance, enlargement and construction of the Canals of this State for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 1856, and authorizing a loan for the same, and for the completion of the Canals," passed April 9, 1856, hereby give notice that sealed proposals will be received at the Canal Department until the 15th day of January next, at 12 o'clock noon of that day, for a loan of ONE MILLION DOLLARS, for which transferable certificates of stock will be issued in the name of the people of the State of New-York, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable quarterly on the first days of January, April, July and October in each year, and the principal reimbursable on the first day of October, 1874. It is to be understood that the Commissioners are to be at liberty to take a less sum, if the offers are not such as to their judgment will secure the best interests of the State. The proposals may be for the whole or any part of said loan not less than $5,000. All proposals to be sealed up and indorsed "Loan for the Enlargement," and instead to be addressed to the Auditor of the Canal Department, at

[illegible] Board, Jan. 7, 1858, [illegible] Mr. Boyle, the Fire Marshal, [illegible] for a reappointment as Commissioner of [illegible]. Alderman Conroy moved that the application be [illegible]. Alderman Brown seconded the motion, and it was [illegible].

Alderman Harris presented a resolution, providing for the appointment of a special Committee of three [illegible] to examine the plans and specifications for building Tompkins Market, (the award of the contract for which was objected to by the Mayor,) in order that the same may be amended, if necessary, before work is commenced, by a detailed specification of work that of contract be done and materials to be used, so that the contract price may cover all expenses for both work and materials.

The resolution was adopted.

A communication from Mr. Rustead, the Corporation Counsel, was received, asking for the appointment of Mr. Chas. A. May to the office of Public Administrator, in place of Peter G. Sweeny, removed.

A motion was made to postpone action on the above communication, but it was lost by a large majority.

A motion to refer it to a Special Committee was lost.

A motion to confirm the Corporation Counsel's nomination was then put and carried.

Alderman Mosherman moved the reference of the Mayor's Message, which was presented on Monday last, to a Special Committee. The motion was carried. The President appointed the following gentlemen as a Committee to open the plans and specifications in connection with the building of Tompkins Market: Aldermen Harris, Hopkins and Conkyn.

The Message on the Mayor's Message was submitted by Alderman Mosherman to be composed of the following gentlemen: Aldermen Mosherman, Harris and Conroy.

The Board then adjourned to meet on Friday evening next, after passing a resolution to the effect that the future meetings of the Board be held on Monday and Thursday evenings until otherwise ordered.

Board of Councilmen.

The Board of Councilmen met yesterday evening, the President, Jonas N. Phillips, Esq., in the chair. The business of the sitting elicited little debate. The following petitions were presented from several persons, praying to have the intersection of Pearl-street and Broadway graded. From John Vance of the 60th ward district, reciting certain alleged election frauds in the 4th election district, and claiming that by reason of such frauds the returns from that district ought to be thrown out, stating that he (the petitioner) had a majority of votes in the district, and therefore begs the matter may be investigated, so that upon report of the same the seat now occupied by Mr. Horton, be declared to a special committee.

A petition was received from engine company No. 9, for a new engine.

Also that hook and ladder company No. 12, for certain alterations.

Also that hook and ladder company No. 10, for a new truck.

The following resolutions were referred: That a special Committee be appointed to report on the propriety of letting the contracts for the Public Printing for the Common Council and Heads of Departments, agreeable to certain sections of the law, the contract heretofore existing having expired by its own limitation.

Also, to purchase the portrait of Mayor Wood, now being painted at an expense of $500, the picture to be suspended in the Governors' Room, City Hall. That a Committee of five be appointed to arrange for the celebration of the 22d of February, the 175th anniversary of Washington's birth-day, and that $2,000 be appropriated for the same.

That the Commissioners of Repairs and Supplies see that at least three litters, with suitable mattresses, blankets and cushions, be kept in each Station-house, for the purpose of carrying persons who may be injured by slipping on the ice, to their houses or the hospital. Also, that $10,000 be appropriated to pay the men employed under the supervision of the Commissioner of Streets and Lamps to clean the crosswalks of the City, they not having been paid for nearly three months.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

To appoint a special committee to report rules and orders for the government of the Board.

To have the gas meter and the pipes in the City Hall put in proper order. Also another, referring to the appropriate committees the reports of committees of the late Board of Councilmen, and all other papers now in the hands of the Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS LAID OVER.

To appoint a special committee to proceed to Albany to examine all proposed amendments to the City charter.

That the publishing of the proceedings of the Board be withdrawn from the *Evening Post* and given to the *Herald*.

The Board then adjourned until Friday.

Democratic General Committee.

Tammany Hall heaved again last night. The Democratic General Committee for 1857 met there pursuant to adjournment, and so did a large, interested, excited and noisy lobby. The bar-room was filled, the reading-room was thronged, and the entry-way of the Committee's room was jammed.

Within the Committee-room things were comparatively harmonious. After the customary preliminaries, the following officers were chosen:

President—Wilson Small.
Secretaries—Henry H. Morange, Samuel T. Webster.
Treasurer—Chas. H. King.
Sergeant-at-Arms—E. H. Mills.

The report of the Committee of Seven, appointed to investigate the subject of contested seats, was submitted, accepted and read. The Committee reported in favor of the following tickets:

Fifth Ward—The ticket headed by Emanuel B. Hart.
Sixth Ward—The ticket headed by John Clancy.
Fourteenth Ward—The ticket headed by Michael Twomey.
Nineteenth Ward—The ticket headed Anson J. Herrick.
Twenty-first Ward—The ticket headed Wm. Hurd.
Twenty-second Ward—The ticket headed Daniel F. Rhett.

A warm debate followed. The question, "Shall the report be taken up by Wards?" was negatived by a vote of 43 to 26.

The report was adopted without amendment. The rest of the business done was unimportant.

The Libbyites, it will be seen, are pretty effectually "used up," so far as the General Committee is concerned.

Academy of Medicine.

The monthly meeting of the New-York Academy of Medicine was held on Monday evening last. It was a business meeting, devoted to the annual reports of the retiring officers of the present year and the election of new officers.

The report of the Secretary stated that 34 members had been added during the year, and one had died—that there had been unusual interest in the Academy, manifested by a larger attendance of the members, more papers, &c., than any previous year. The Finance Committee reported the annual tax of $3 for the ensuing year, which was adopted. The Trustees reported the sum invested for a building fund to be about $3,000. The Treasurer reported that the yearly expense was more than $900, and that about $70 only now remained in his hands.

The foreign and domestic Corresponding Secretaries made their reports.

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

For President—Dr. Valentine Mott.
For Vice-Presidents—Drs. J. K. Wood, Beadle, Barlow and Wilson.
For Recording Secretary—Dr. C. F. Heywood.
For Assistant Secretary—Dr. F. U. Johnston, Jr.
For Domestic Corresponding Secretary—Dr. Hubbard.
For Foreign Corresponding Secretary—Dr. J. W. Green.
For Treasurer—Dr. J. O. Pond.
For Librarian—Dr. T. F. Cock.
For Trustees—Drs. Kissam, Blakeman, Anderson, Grissom, S. P. White, Carter, and Ogden.
For Orator—Dr. J. Marion Sims.

Who Will Be Captain?

The term for which Michael Halpin was appointed Captain of Police, in the First Ward, expired yesterday. The "party" in the First are greatly agitated, and badly divided on the question "Who will be the next Captain?" as it is pretty well understood that Halpin will not be reappointed. The three most prominent applicants for the position are Jesse Dayton, the present First Lieutenant; Jesse H. Williams, publican, and Mike Murray, leader of the "Crib" faction. Each of these have hosts of influential friends, and each seems sanguine of an easy triumph. The are all were Wood men, so on this point they are equal, but at Mike's house the primaries are generally held.

So the matter rests at present, the present Captain "holding over" until the appointment of a successor.

The First is the worst governed Ward in the City. Its police are constantly in trouble with each other, and their charges and counter-charges are always on file before the Police Commissioners.

There is room for improvement in this respect. Whatever action the Commissioners take must be for the [illegible]

[illegible] Dec. 31, 1857, from a cold lung complaint, and several hundred dollars worth of dentist's materials destroyed. Peaff's Infly Lump cement expands for any known crack. Wholesale depôt, No. 166 Broadway; retail, No. 601 Broadway. Prices 50, 62 and 75 cents each.

[Advertisement.]

The Throat and Lungs.—Dr. Robert Hunter, having returned from Europe, may be consulted as heretofore by those who are suffering from Bronchial or Pulmonary affections. No. 638 Broadway.

[Advertisement.]

Herring's Patent Champion Fire-Proof Safes.—Nos. 135, 137 and 139 Water-street, and No. 5 Murray-street, New-York.

LONG ISLAND.

Qualifications for a Police Appointment in Brooklyn.

It seems only necessary to secure an appointment as a Policeman in some of the Wards of Brooklyn, that the applicant shall produce sufficient evidence of his brutality and disregard of all law. Under the new regime thus far three appointments have been made, though it is currently reported that the whole force in the Second, Fifth, Tenth, Twelfth, and some other Wards, will be indiscriminately removed, to satisfy the demands of the ruffians who figured as Ward politicians during the last Fall election.

The appointments which have been made, give no hope that there will be any improvement in the character of the Police force for 1857. As a sample of the new appointments, one is a notorious disorderly character, and only last Monday night entered the eating saloon, kept by T. Wilson, on Myrtle, near Kent-avenue, with a party of his associates, and while there demolished a stove, and did other damage to the premises estimated by the proprietor at about $70. One of the other two bears a similar reputation for a disturber of the peace.

These appointments are made in the face of the fact that there must be a reduction in the Police force—as the appropriation for the Department is much less than in any previous year.

If the two cases named are samples of the appointments to be made, Brooklyn would be far better off without their protection.

The Magnitude of Trifles.

At the New-England Church, in South Ninth-street, Williamsburg, a lecture was delivered last night, by Rev. Dr. Storrs, of Brooklyn, on the "Magnitude of Trifles." The weather was cold, seasonably so and a little more, but the Williamsburg lecture-loving public are not disconcerted by trifles; so the church was well filled, and when the audience were dismissed they gave every evidence of being well gratified.

The lecturer was, as he stated, first made sensible of the value of "Trifles," by discovering, just in time to prevent the error from getting abroad to the public, that in a work of fiction which he committed in youth, the name of his heroine was changed by the type-setter from Agnes to *Agues*. He was luckily in season with his corrected proof-sheet, before the impression was worked off, and his Agnes did not go forth Aguish to the world.

The magnitude of trifles was ever presented to us. God had honored trifles in his plan of human organization. The whole boundless universe—not the wide expanse of earth only, but the constellations in the firmament, made an impression on a nerve of the eye not a sixth part of an inch in diameter. The toothache, and especially the neuralgia, would not diminish our estimate of trifles, when we remember that a thousand individualized torments could dance on a nerve, not only finer than the finest needle, but finer than the finest gossamer thread ever spun by a spider in the dewy grass.

The reverend lecturer enumerated many scores of instances of the vast importance of what the world calls "Trifles." History, biography, science, literature, painting—every field of art and inquiry, afforded him happy examples. Steam, electricity, hydraulic pressure, the magnetic needle—that optic nerve of the ship and prophet of the ocean—the discovery of glass by the Phœnician sailors lighting their fire on the seabeach, revealing as it did in its magnifying power the stars in their courses, invisible to the naked eye, and the animalcule in a drop of water—a discovery so sublime in its results that all nature might have stopped to celebrate it—these, and many other illustrations were felicitously cited to prove the importance of trifles. Have not apothegms and proverbs done more to advance the world than the most celebrated and magnificent orations? Undoubtedly it is true, as Pascal said, that if Cleopatra's nose had been half an inch shorter, the history of the world would be different at this hour.

The lecture of Dr. Storrs was in every way a success. It was loudly applauded at the close.

A Puzzler for the Lawyers.

A party of thirteen men were arrested in the Seventeenth Ward, Eastern District of Brooklyn, yesterday, on a charge of stealing ice under peculiar circumstances. It appears that upon some property of which Alderman Palmer is agent, there is, what has sometimes been dignified by the name of a pond, but what is more appropriately called a mud puddle. The surface of this puddle has recently become congealed, composed as it was of water, and fragments of vegetable and animal matter. The parties arrested were cutting and carrying away this congealed compound, and the complainant calls it *larceny*, on the ground, we suppose, that it contains vegetable and animal matter. For the sake of the community, it is to be hoped that he may maintain this position. The case is yet to be disposed of.

Kings County Court.

The following gentlemen compose the Grand Jury impanneled in this Court the present term:

John G. Bergen, Foreman.

Thos. Buckley,	John. L. Van Pelt,	Henry Lucas,
Joseph Giles,	J. W. Harper,	Richard Lewis,
Sam. B. Wheeler,	Henry Parkley,	Sam. Smith,
Sam. Allen,	Wm. Williams,	George Rhodes,
Joshua Talford,	E. H. Osborn.	Samuel Doxey,
John Pierce,	Wm. Uris,	James H. Howe.

The Late Fatal Accident.

The fireman killed at the burning of Poplar Hall, Brooklyn, Tuesday night last, was Samuel Turnill, Jr., and he was a member of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

☞ Coroner Redding will not at present hold an inquest on body of Private Watchman Boorman, who was found dead Tuesday morning in the water at Green's Wharf, Brooklyn, in the hope that he may then bring forward some testimony to clear up the mystery which now surrounds the case. The fact that property is missing from the vessel which he was watching, (bark *Jedda*,) and the position in which the body was found, with a rope around it and the other end attached to the vessel, notwithstanding there are no marks of violence, would seem to indicate that the deceased, either before or after death, had been assisted to that position, and the Coroner is determined to give the affair a thorough sifting.

☞ At the last meeting of the Brooklyn Board of Education, Judge Greenwood reported the draft of an act, which was adopted, to separate the duties of Superintendent and Secretary of the Board, and have a Secretary appointed.

☞ Mr. Ryerson, Sheriff of Kings County, has been confined to his residence for several weeks past. His permanent recovery is considered by some doubtful.

NEW-JERSEY.

Arrest of Officials.

Richard D. Covert, a coal dealer in Hoboken, having been prosecuted twice for depositing coal-siftings in the street contrary to the city ordinance, in both of which suits judgment was rendered against him, he has carried the suits up, and on Tuesday he caused the arrest of John Beard and Garret Van Mater, Councilmen of Hoboken, and Wm. Whitney, Street Commissioner of that city, on the charge of malicious prosecution. He stated that his business had been damaged to the amount of $150; and they, having been required to give bail in that sum, were discharged from custody.

Sudden Death.

Mr. Van Rensselaer Terry, of Hoboken for many years past a ship-joiner at the corner of Desbrosses and Greenwich streets, died suddenly on Monday by a rupture of a blood vessel, which occurred while giving direction to his man at work. His funeral took place yesterday from his late residence, in Washington-terrace, Hoboken.

MARRIED.

Collins—Zabriskie.—In this City, on Wednesday, Jan. 7, by Rev. Dr. Dewitt, Rev. R. W. Collins, of Freehold, N. J., to Miss Elizabeth N. Zabriskie, youngest daughter of the late George Zabriskie, of this City.

West—Cook.—In this City, on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. T. Peck, D. D., R. A. West, Esq., to Miss Elizabeth Cook, daughter of Mr. J. Cook.

DIED.

Lockwood.—In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Jan. 7, Mary Ellen, only child of John B. and Mary Lockwood, aged 1 year, 8 months and 6 days.

The relatives and friends of the family, and of her grandfathers, George Lockwood and Wm. E. Thorne, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Friday, the 9th inst., at 11 o'clock A. M., from No. 157 Clinton-st., without further invitation.

Depeyster.—In this City, on Wednesday, Jan. 7, Mrs. Ann Depeyster, relict of the late Frederick Depeyster, in the 79th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Saturday next, at 10 o'clock A. M., from Grace Church, Broadway.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

The Market was Much Excited

Sales at the Stock Exchange, Jan. 7.

$1,000	Ohio 6s, '86	105	250	O. & T. Cent. div.	3¼
3,000	do.	105¼	100	Reading R.	c60
3,000	Missouri 6s, int	69¾	100	do.	s60
1,000	do.	69¾	200	do.	c60
1,000	do.	69	100	do.	b30
1,000	Cali. State 7s	74⅞	100	do.	s30
1,000	Virginia 6s	69¾	200	do.	60
1,000	Harlem R. 2d m.	75¾	100	do.	s60
7,000	Illinois Cen. R. bs	97¼	75	Cle. Col. & Cin. RR.	122
100	Mechanics Bank	112	15	Cin. & Chi. R. R.	22
10	Bank State of NY.	104	100	M. S. & N. Ia. R. R.	s60
15	Bank of Commerce	103¾	200	do.	c 60
80	B. Commerce Scrip	102	150	do.	b60
5	Am Ex Bank Scrip	102	200	do.	b15
5	Corn Exchange R.	100	100	do.	s60
18	Penn Coal Co.	102	25	do.	b60
250	Cumb. Coal Co.	s 18¾	50	do.	b15
100	do.	b60 17¾	50	Panama Railroad	c 92
200	N. Y. Cen. R. R.	92¾	50	Ill. Cen. R. R.	s60
25	do.	92¾	200	do.	b60
5	do.	92	200	do.	124¼
50	do.	c 92¾	200	Clev. & Tol. R. R.	b30
50	do.	b5 92¾	100	do.	77¾
300	do.	s 92¾	100	do.	96
50	do.	s60 92¾	20	do.	77¾
100	do.	b10 94	600	do.	b60
100	do.	b60 94¾	50	Chic. & R'k I'd Rd.	95¾
100	Erie Railroad	s30 68	35	do.	95¾
100	do.	68	6	do.	95¾
100	do.	b7 68	300	do.	b10
100	do.	b5 68	50	La Crosse & Mil. Rd	71
400	do.	b30 68¼	35	do.	71¼
1100	do.	c 68¾	100	do.	b30
50	do.	s30 68¾			

SECOND BOARD.

$6,000	Ill. Cen. RR. bs.	97¼	150	Erie Railroad	s30
1,000	Ill. Fd. Bs. w. p.	98	100	do.	2d
4,000	N. Y. Cen. R. 6s	100	200	do.	
1,000	Hud. Riv. R. 2d m.	64¾	200	do.	s30
25	Nic. Transit Co.	5	200	do.	b7
100	Cumb. Coal Co.	b30 11¾	300	do.	s5
100	Reading RR.	s30 58¾	100	do.	s10
25	N. Y. Cent. RR.	s 92¾	100	Mic. So. & N. I. R.	s30
50	do.	92¾	150	do.	b30
50	do.	s60 92¾	100	do.	s5
50	do.	92¾	50	Panama R. R.	b30
50	do.	b30 94¾	150	Clev. & Tol. R. R.	77¼
8	Chic. & Rk. Is. RR.	95¾	200	do.	77¾
5	Mil. & Mis. R. R.	76¾	10	do.	77

Wednesday, Jan. 7—P. M.

The demand for Money keeps active, but the supply came a little easier to the Brokers than on Tuesday. The Stock Market ruled steady at the early Board, though prices for cash bargains were a fraction weaker until the afternoon, when the general market left off rather fair: Erie, 68⅞ cent.; Reading, 88⅝; New-York Central, 96⅞, and Illinois Central Bonds, 97¼@⅝. The Western share list about the same as yesterday, except La Crosse, which recovered part of the sudden decline. After the steamer sailed, little was said in Foreign bills. A good supply is still on the market, though held in fewer hands than earlier in the week. As affecting this question, we add the

MOVEMENT OF THE COTTON CROP.

	1857.	1856.	1855.	1854.	1853.
Rece'ts at Ports.	1,485,000	1,536,000	913,000	959,000	1,406,000
Ex. to G. Britain	311,000	500,000	411,000	267,000	568,000
Ex. to France.	141,000	177,000	96,000	75,000	98,000
Ex. other For. P.	97,000	123,000	49,000	62,000	70,000
Total Exports...	549,000	800,000	556,000	405,000	746,000
Stock on hand..	695,000	640,000	360,000	495,000	595,000

Of which during the past week, included in the above:

Receipts at Ports	144,000	127,000	59,000	87,000	135,000
Ex. to G. Britain	30,000	52,000	47,000	34,000	49,000
Ex. to France...	13,000	9,000	3,000	16,000	17,000
Ex. other For. P.	14,000	4,000	6,000	12,000	12,000
Total Exports...	57,000	66,000	56,000	65,000	78,000

The suspension of a firm of Stock and Money Brokers was announced to-day. The involvements are understood to be moderate. One of the partners is in Europe, in relation to the Atrato Canal scheme. The junior partner is a member of the Stock Exchange, where his operations have at no time been important, and his liabilities at present quite small.

BANK MOVEMENT OF STATE OF NEW-YORK—1848—1856.

	June, 1848.	June, 1852.	June, 1854.	Sept. 1856.
To Capital...	$43,755,069	$65,082,621	$82,354,172	$97,281,801
Circulation..	20,682,077	28,802,236	32,705,084	34,019,633
Profits.....	6,554,346	10,862,573	13,945,901	19,464,326
Banks.....	14,100,269	24,009,262	29,730,608	29,014,135
Sundry Ac'ts	702,351	1,010,614	1,031,641	1,150,504
Treas. State.	2,305,999	2,817,160	3,354,421	3,422,420
Deposits.....	27,554,820	28,537,767	36,267,267	96,907,970
Others.....	862,416	2,772,587	2,194,303	2,159,403
By Loans....	75,407,737	103,104,035	174,142,725	188,386,370
Overdrafts..	319,813	365,965	495,976	495,549
Banks.....	3,876,997	12,736,800	12,355,098	12,179,169
Real Estate..	3,458,943	5,736,037	6,734,163	6,868,945
Specie.....	6,881,869	15,881,467	16,510,835	12,402,771
Cash Items..	6,028,444	15,088,490	20,158,865	25,078,038
Stocks.....	12,007,544	20,156,516	22,611,229	24,027,583
Mortgages...	3,100,051	7,868,085	8,881,501	8,084,415
Bank Bills..	3,705,448	3,246,982	3,097,102	2,924,488
Expenses....	655,116	1,128,567	1,191,994	978,898

We make the foregoing computation as illustrative of the increase of the Bank movement in this State since the discoveries of Gold in California, and the great impetus to trade and general business from this cause, and the rapid extension of the Railway system. The figures are official from the Annual Report of the Bank Superintendent, communicated to the Legislature to-day, and for an early copy of which we are under obligations to the Department. The table also shows the relative movement in 1855 and 1856. The Report states the present number of Banks in the State as 350, of which 42 are under special acts of incorporation, not yet expired, 228 Associations under the General Law, 40 Individual Bankers, and 40 Banks in liquidation, most of them by voluntary foreclosure. For the outstanding circulation under the General Law, amounting on 20th September to $28,319,811, the Department held in trust the following Securities:

N. Y. State 4½ ⅌ cent....	$402,406 00	
N. Y. State 5 ⅌ cent....	4,041,856 64	
N. Y. State 5½ ⅌ cent....	1,254,000 00	
N. Y. State 6 ⅌ cent....	10,446,058 22	—18,147,819 56
U. S. 5s, $11,000; do. 6s, $1,074,000 17..		1,085,080 17
Michigan 6s.....		179,000 00
Illinois 6s.....		646,687 83
Arkansas 6s.....		211,000 00
Cash.....		74,074 94
Bonds and Mortgages.....		7,000,756 90
Total.....		$30,036,910 40
Securities in 1855.....		24,458,001 00
Increase.....		$5,881,310 00

The Incorporated or Safety Fund circulation is reduced to $5,700,872. The two classes making, according to the foregoing outside table of Sept. 20, $34,019,683 then outstanding. The new Capital filed with the Department since the report of 1855, amounts to $7,550,000. The increase of new and old capital since June, 1855, appears to be:

June, 1855.....	$85,082,621
September, 1856.....	96,881,801
Increase 15 months.....	$11,848,880

As stated in the Governor's Message, the year 1856 was singularly free from Bank failures, and *entirely so from Bank-note insolvency*.

Of the outstanding Safety Fund Circulation above noted, $3,705,058 is the issue of Banks whose special charters have expired, and who are now in renewed operation under the General Law. The same Banks had outstanding when their charters expired, $10,136,804. The entire authorized circulation of the State

September 20, was.....	$43,580,283
Of which outstanding.....	34,019,683

The Superintendent estimates that if the amount held in the vaults of the Banks of their own notes were closely deducted, the actual circulation outstanding would not exceed *thirty-one millions*, against *twenty millions* ten years ago, before the California discoveries. The report adds:

The peculiar significance of these figures is, that while capital for banking purposes aggregates itself with rapid and gigantic strides, currency lags far behind it under the operations of our general bank law.

These facts are presented without an opinion of the present Superintendent as to cause or effect, and the question whether currency is not fast becoming, under our present banking system, a mere convenience to commerce, instead of an indispensable necessity to her success; and that it is, in a measure, losing its materiality as to the profits of banking, is left for the solution of the parties whose interest it may be to solve the problem.

This great discrepancy in the former and present relative aggregate proportion of capital and currency, presents a curious result to the bankers in this State; and it may be found, upon a careful examination, that currency under our present banking system costs more than it can legitimately earn; and that its use, particularly at the great commercial points in this State, has sunk to a condition where its chief value rests upon its convenience alone.

In relation to the reception of bonds and mortgages by this department as security for circulating notes, the present incumbent only reiterates the opinion of his predecessors in saying, that their reception was an original error of the act of 1838. It is unnecessary here to endeavor to show that fact by an argument. The experience of the past teaches every person familiar with the working of our general bank law, the truth of that assertion. They have become a part and parcel of our banking system; and any change, however desirable in the opinion of the Superintendent, is, or rather will be, overridden by the present high price of the public stocks allowed to be pledged [illegible]

[illegible] Railroad Company, [illegible] Jan. 1, 1858, [illegible] the following resolutions were adopted, [illegible] acting the business of banking in this State, [illegible] respectfully asks the aid of the Legislature in [illegible] ment in the following particulars, which have been referred to under their proper heads in this report.

1. The passage of an act making it the duty of each bank, banking association and individual banker, through their officers, or the individual banker in person, or an authorized agent duly appointed, once in each fiscal year to examine the securities held in trust for each of them in this department, and receipt the same in formal context, to the Superintendent.

2. To compel by fine, in case of failure, all banks, banking associations and individual bankers, to make their quarterly returns within 15 days after mailing notice to them by the department of the day designated upon which to make the same.

3. To hereafter compel individual bankers, commencing business in their dealings with this department and the public, to prosecute the business of banking under their own proper names.

4. To enable the devisees of an individual banker to continue the business and name of such banker in their dealings with this department and the public.

5. To enable the Superintendent to appoint an agent to witness the burning of the circulating notes of any bank, banking association or individual banker, who shall neglect the same for 10 days after their receipt by this department.

6. To enable him to destroy the bank note plates, of all closing and insolvent banks in this State.

7. To pay into the treasury certain balances of closed banks.

8. To sell or compromise certain securities held by the Bank Fund, received from the City Bank of Buffalo, now worthless in their present condition.

These propositions embrace all the legislation necessary to enable this department to perform its duties with accuracy and dispatch.

An afternoon paper speaks of the failure to-day as that of Kelly, Robinson & Co. This is an error in names, which might, without correction, affect a responsible firm in Buffalo, whose drafts are regularly honored at the American Exchange Bank.

The December earnings of the Toledo Road are $113,016, against $97,106 same month last year. The earnings of the LaCrosse Road, (new,) are $67,004. The previous estimate of the Directors was $35,000.

NEW-YORK LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Prepared every week, expressly for the New-York Daily, Semi-Weekly, and Weekly Times, *by a careful and experienced Reporter.*

Wednesday Evening, Jan. 7, 1858.

The principal Market Places are the WASHINGTON DROVE YARDS, 44TH-STREET; and at the New-York Yards, Forty-fourth-street; Browning's, on Sixth-street; Chamberlin's, on Robinson-street; and O'Brien's, on Sixth-street. Our reports refer to those regular markets. Irregular sales are sometimes made at Bergen Hill, N. J., and from the Hudson River Boats.

The great sales day at the Washington Yards is on WEDNESDAY of each week. The reports from all the yards are made up for the preceding week, to the evening of that day.

RECEIPTS OF ANIMALS AT THE PRINCIPAL MARKETS, FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 6.

Yards.	Beeves.		Milch Cows.	Veal Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Swine.
Washington Drove-Yards, Forty-fourth-st.	2145	2959	37	143	969	996
Browning's, Sixth-street....	.....	103	15	9	1954	.....
Chamberlin's, Robinson-st....	.....	426	26	147	3761	.....
O'Brien's, Sixth-street....	.....	109	43	36	.....	.....
Sales reported at Bergen	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for week....	2145	3871	175	335	6684	996
Last week.....	1794	3570	215	428	7615	....

Average weekly receipts of Beeves at Forty-fourth-street for the year 1855.....	1,961
Receipts for week ending to-day.....	2,939
Receipts for corresponding week last year....	1,531
Average weekly receipts of Beeves at the four City Markets for the year 1855.....	2,298
Total receipts for week ending to-day.....	2,071
Total receipts for corresponding week last year.....	2,988

A. M. Allerton, proprietor, reports the animals at the Washington Drove-Yards, received as follows:

Conveyance.	Beeves.	Milch Cows.	Veal Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Swine.
Erie Railroad.....	972	.....	.....	.....	996
Hudson River Railroad....	969	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hudson River Boats.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harlem Railroad.....	239	.....	143	969	.....
New-Haven Railroad.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....
On foot.....	428	.....	.....	.....	.....

The following is the official report of animals, destined for the New-York market, forwarded over the Erie Railroad during the week ending this forenoon:

Cattle.....	839	Hogs.....	3997
Sheep.....	1400	Horses.....	15

The Cattle at Forty-fourth-street were derived from the following sources:

Ohio.....	275	Pennsylvania.....	35
New-York.....	1361	Texas.....	—
Illinois.....	212	Connecticut.....	150
Kentucky.....	300	Michigan.....	—
Indiana.....	—	New-Jersey.....	—
Virginia.....	—	Wisconsin.....	—
Iowa.....	—	Canada.....	—

Beeves are sold by the estimated dead weight of the four quarters; the so-called "fifth quarter" (hide and tallow) is not reckoned in here as it is in Boston and some other cities. When cattle are weighed or estimated alive, the dead weight is reckoned at a certain number of pounds to the 100 lbs. of live weight, as agreed upon. The general rule in this market for medium cattle is 56 lbs. to the 100; 44 lbs. being allowed for the "fifth quarter" and offal.

The average prices to-day, as compared with last week, are about the same.

We quote:

Prices of Beef at Forty-fourth Street.

	Today.	Last Week.
Premium Cattle.....	11c. @12½c.	10¾c. @12c.
First quality.....	10¾c. @10¾c.	10c. @10½c.
Medium quality.....	9¾c. @10c.	9¾c. @10c.
Poor quality.....	9¼c. @ 9¾c.	9¼c. @ 9¾c.
General selling prices....	10c. @11c.	10c. @11c.
Average of all sales about	10c. @10c.	10c. @10c.

At Browning's, Chamberlin's and O'Brien's, prices do not materially differ from those at Forty-fourth-street. Browning reports Beeves at 9c. @ 10c. Chamberlin reports Beeves at 8½c. @11c. O'Brien reports Beeves at 9c. @10½c.

General remarks upon the cattle market.

Owners, and especially dealers in cattle, were again disappointed to-day in not witnessing a considerable advance in prices. By the latter, below, it will be seen that nearly all the salesmen had made themselves owners, in anticipation of a rise. So confident were many yesterday, that they even refused wholesale offers of $2 ⅌ head more than they sold for or tried to sell for to-day.

Though but 2,145 were in the yards in the morning, it was understood that several droves were on the way and hourly expected. The number of these was magnified, and butchers held off until sellers began to get alarmed at the prospect, and they then lowered their demands.

The whole day's transactions, taken together, indicate but little if any advance over last week, save on a few extras.

At this season there is much unavoidable detention on the railroads by snow and ice, which those having cattle on the way are not apt to make allowance for; thus to-day we were specially implended to "blow up" the Harlem as well as all other railroads. If the said road or roads were really guilty of neglect or unnecessary delay in getting animals forward for to-day's market, they will please consider themselves blown up pretty high, without further words about it.

The general quality of the cattle offered to-day was good. New-York furnished full half. Several droves arrived just at night, which hold over in company with some which were here all day. We heard of only 400 going East from Albany.

For further remarks upon the localities from which the cattle are derived, their quality, &c., and for particular sales and other matters of interest, see the tables below, with the special notes following. These tables and notes are generally gathered from a personal inspection of the droves mentioned.

Y'ds.	No.	State.	Owner.	Salesman.
1..	76..	N. Y.....	Thos. Drew.....	Owner.
2..	76..	Ill.....	D. Barnes.....	Owner.
3..	52..	N. Y.....	Thos. M. Vail.....	Owner.
4..	120..	Ky.....	S. Westheimer & Bro.	Owners.
5..	85..	Ky.....	Schenck & Lamar'k.	Owners.
6..	60..	N. Y.....	Thos. S. DeKay.....	D. D. Welling.
7..	60..	N. Y.....	Henry Hurd.....	Owner.
8..	68..	N. Y.....	Martin Ackerman....	S. Benedict.
9..	68..	N. Y.....	Sheldon & Mills.....	Geo. Aycrigg.
10..	92..	Ky.....	S. Ulery.....	Owner.
11..	75..	N. Y.....	O. G. Tood.....	Owner.
12..	75..	Ky.....	Owner & Lerner'k.	Owners.
13..	175..	N. Y. & Penn.	Several Owners....	Miller Har'gs & Co
14..	81..	N. Y. & Ky.	W. Waite.....	Owner.
15..	107..	Ky. & N. Y.	Sturgess & Lent.....	Owners.

[illegible] Jan. 7, 1858. [illegible] Milch Cows and Calves.—Very little change in this class of cattle. Cash prices range from $35 to $55 ⅌ head, as to quality, and one or two extra. Supply to-day greater than the demand.

O'Brien reports 43 Milch Cows, selling at $35@$55 for common, $60@$65 for good, and a few at $70 for extra. Demand greater than the supply, especially for good animals.

Veal Calves.

Veal Calves are sold by live weight, the price being weighed alive at the time of sale, at the various places of sale are Allerton's, Browning's, Chamberlin's and O'Brien's.

Calves are scarce, and prices ruled very high, with unusual prices.

Allerton reports 149 Veal Calves, selling at 7½@8c. Very few in to-day, owing to the failure of the Harlem trains.

Browning reports 9 Veal Calves, selling at 7½@8c. Very little doing in this kind of stock.

Chamberlin reports 145 Veal Calves, selling at 5½c.@7½c.

O'Brien reports 85 Veal Calves, selling at 5½c. @7½c. Calves are scarce and high.

Sheep and Lambs.

These are sold alive at Allerton's, Browning's and Chamberlin's, at auction. Where a large or small lot of Sheep or Lambs is of the same quality, they are also frequently sold by live weight, and are readily ascertained. The actual sales at the different yards seldom vary greatly. The difference in quoted prices is generally due to some difference in quality. Stock has been generally good, considering the receipts. The markets were quite crowded, in consequence of delays on the railroads. Prices are a little higher.

Allerton reports receipts of 969 Sheep and Lambs, selling at $4@$7, and extras, from $8 to $10 50